Park and Recreation Commission

Andrew Cota, Chairman

Beverly Moran
James Benanto
Ronald Sill
James Butler Sr.
Bruce Sill
John Bittmann

Minutes

(meeting recorded)

Monthly meeting: Tuesday November 13, 2018 in City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Ronald Sill, James Butler Sr. and Bruce Sill. James Benanto, Beverly Moran and John Bittmann were excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell and Athletic Director Matthew Bradshaw were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION made by Bruce Sill and second by James Butler Sr. Move to accept the minutes of October 9, 2018, as written. Motion carried with Ronald Sill abstaining.

PUBLIC PORTION:
No one came forward.

CORRESPONDENCES:
Nothing was presented.

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DIRECTOR REPORTS:
Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell reported that the Pop Warner season is over. They did have lower participation numbers than last year. That is apparently a trend as he is also seeing lower numbers in the basketball registration. He held basketball registration at the Derby Veteran's Community Center and response was disappointing. Grades 1 & 2 instructional has 23 participants. Grades 3 & 4 was able to field two teams and will again be playing with Ansonia. Grades 5 & 6 and grades 7 & 8 do not yet have enough participants to form teams. One reason that may explain the lower numbers is that many of the youth are already involved with the Boys/Girls Club in Shelton.

At the Derby Veteran's Community Center swim lessons are very popular. The open swim is not well attended. Rentals are still being booked for gym time. Mr. O'Connell is seeing a downturn in patrons and it may be impart due to the neighborhood influences.

Mr. O'Connell is seeking estimates for the fire alarm at the Derby Veteran's Community Center building.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Bradshaw reported that he is working on the spring schedule but with the uncertainty of field availability it is quite challenging.

Cheerleading had their homecoming week. Senior night was held. Cross country did very well again. Football holds a record for rushing this year.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:
Update on the Football/Baseball/Field house Committees
There is nothing major to report. The construction is progressing. Steel is going up on the field house. Weather will dictate how much work will be accomplished through the winter months.

MOTION by Ronald Sill and second by James Butler Sr. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

Karen Kemmesies

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.