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: Monday, September 10, 2018 in City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. Athletic Director Clerk Jennifer Moffat was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION made by Ronald Sill and second by James Butler Sr. Move to accept the minutes of August 13, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION:
No one came forward.

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CORRESPONDENCES:
Nothing was presented.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:
Parks & Recreation Director's Report: Mr. O'Connell advised that Pop Warner has started. They have 4 football teams and four cheerleading teams. He noted that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation did approve the request of an additional one time funding of $5,000 for the league due to the disruption and financial impact of the construction. Youth Soccer has started. No numbers were available.

Mr. O'Connell indicated that schedules are being managed with use in the other facilities in the City. High School soccer is practicing and playing at Witek Park. Bradley School is being used for some soccer play, for Little League fall team practice and play and for a St. Mary/Michael soccer program. High School football is practicing at the picnic grove.

High School Athletic Director's Report: Ms. Moffat was excused.

NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:
Update on the Football/Baseball/Field house Committees
Mr. O'Connell advised the Commission that upon review of the progress of the project it is clear that there will be a need for additional storage space for the Public Works equipment and supplies. There is a turf groomer and gator that will have to be stored. He has been exploring pre-fabricated storage sheds or garages as a solution. With the extensive development of the site, he was uncertain where it could be placed but likely in the left field area. Members encouraged him to look at units that will provide more space than original anticipated as history proves the need for additional space.

Members discussed at length the process as it has unfolded and stressed that having separate committees has resulted in difficulties in space management and duplication of services. Having both architect and construction manager working with both committees later in the process benefited the outcome. The

disparity in funding was what drove the separation but it has also placed unforeseen burden on the football project with the grant funding from the State. The football field project is seeing bids that are over expected cost projections and delays have caused financial impact. It was unclear what design changes will be necessary to bring the project in on budget.

Completion dates had been projected for November 2018 but it seems unfeasible at this time. Work has been moving forward with the delay issues resolved. Members of the committees will continue to advise the members of the progress.

Basketball rules and regulations for programs at the Derby Veteran's Community Center
Mr. O'Connell presented the rules. He explained that the travel league was at times disruptive in the previous year and he hoped to circumvent problems with these new rules. The matter has escalated to the point that other teams have expressed hesitance to come to the facility or invite the Derby team to their facility. Members discussed the matter weighing the age limit as well as general rules of behavior expected at any recreational event. They discussed the enforcement of the rules and were encouraged by the police department participation. They suggested that if these rules were ineffective that consideration will have to be given to terminating the travel league.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
Derby Veteran's Community Center Sponsored Basketball

- Any person fourteen (14) years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or coach when entering and or remaining in the Derby Veteran's Community Center for Youth Basketball League play.
- Food or drink is NOT permitted in the gymnasium except water or sport drinks.
- Any bottles or other trash shall be removed prior to exiting the gymnasium.
- Fighting, violent or threatening behavior is prohibited and will result in those involved with expulsion from the facility for one (1) year and possible criminal charges.
- Interference with another person(s) by disorderly conduct or by annoyance, inconvenience or causes alarm is prohibited.
- Unreasonable noise is prohibited; cheering is encouraged but must be reasonable.
- Tossing any item onto the court including basketballs is prohibited.
- Playing basketball between games without permission is prohibited.
- Any individual asked to leave the building and either refuses to leave or returns after being told by an authorized person may be subject to trespassing.

MOTION by John Bittmann and second by James Butler Sr. Move to accept the Rules and Regulations for Derby Veteran's Community Center Sponsored Basketball, with minor modifications permitted as determined by the Parks and Recreation Director. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ronald Sill and second by Beverly Moran. Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

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