

ONEONTA, NEW YORK – MARCH 4, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PG. 1

PRESENT: Chair Tim Catella
Commissioner Cynthia McCarthy
Commissioner Geoff Davis
Commissioner Stephen Pindar
Council Member David Rissberger
ABSENT: Commissioner Gary Dilello

Chair Catella called the regular meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Chair Catella stated that Commissioner Dilello was excused due to having activities at the Boys and Girls Club.

PETITIONERS

Chair Catella recognized Ms. Laura Van Houten, of Ph Delta Sorority. Ms. Houton stated that her sorority wished to construct a breast cancer memorial in Neahwa Park in the area adjacent to the red caboose. The sorority would sell pink lily bulbs on campus and around the city and would plant them in the shape of a pink ribbon. There would also be a plaque near the memorial. She stated the sorority would like to have a ceremony to dedicate the memorial and would like to have it in by May.

After some discussion the commission stated that the concept was a good one and that it had no real issue with it. However, since the LA Group had just completed a new master plan for the park, commissioners wanted to have the memorial run by the LA Group to see if it could be integrated somehow. The commission also stated that it would like to have the sorority come back in April to discuss and finalize any maintenance issues in terms of who would be responsible for taking care of the memorial after it was constructed.

Chair Catella thanked the sorority sisters for coming to the meeting and presenting their plans and looked forward to seeing them return at the April meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, that the commission approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 4, 2013.

Voting Ayes: Chair Catella
Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Pindar
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Dilello

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

City Clerk Koury reported there was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on insurance discussions with basketball and soccer league organizations

The commission once again held a brief discussion on the status of the any discussions initiated with representatives of the basketball and soccer leagues regarding the requirement to have a certificate of liability insurance instead of just the waiver forms. City Manager Long stated that he had spoken with City Attorney Merzig. The City Attorney had stated to Mr. Long that the city should be requiring insurance for all groups using city facilities.

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The commission then had a discussion on who had the authority to change the policy to require insurance coverage instead of the waivers. After some discussion, it was decided to defer the issue once again to the April meeting until a further determination could be made as to which entity could change the policy and which had originally set the policy in the first place.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recreation Director's Report

Recreation Director Andrews summarized his Director's Report as distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. He also stated he had sent the commission a copy of the summer program schedule and asked if the commission had any questions regarding the schedule.

Chair Catella asked if any members had any other items of new business.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Catella adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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