

ONEONTA, NEW YORK – FEBRUARY 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 stated there were no petitioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 7, 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

- Parks Master Plan Update Meeting of 1/30/13

Chair Catella reported that the initial meeting was held for the Parks Master Plan update. He stated the meeting was well attended and there was some productive discussion about how to proceed. The consultants would begin to develop proposals based on the input received at the meeting. The commission would continue to be updated as the project progresses. The commission discussed some particular aspects of the preliminary plan as presented by the LA Group.

- Update on insurance discussions with basketball and soccer league organizations

The commission 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. Chair Catella stated he had not heard from City Attorney Merzig on the issue. He asked that this issue be deferred one more month to allow the City Attorney to provide his input.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recreation Director's Report

Recreation Director Andrews summarized his Director's Report as distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

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- Volunteering/Internship

Recreation Director Andrews introduced the SUNY Oneonta intern for the spring semester, Sean Blau. He stated that Sean would be working on several projects, most notable being the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Tournament. Mr. Blau stated he would be trying to increase participation in the tournament and to increase its exposure and to bring more families to the event

Commission members welcomed Mr. Blau.

Recreation Director Andrews also stated that 2 SUNY Oneonta students had begun working part-time as part of a federal work study program. One would be in the office and the other would be working on various park tasks and assignments.

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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