



Thomaston Recreation Commission
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The regular meeting of the Thomaston Recreation Commission was held on Monday, October 5th. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Deziel, at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members present were Chairperson, Pam Deziel, Gary Wilson, Brian Lafontaine, Rick Markey, Jeff Madden, Marty Stammer, and Matt Stancavage. Also present was Marty Egan

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the members. Marty Stammer made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jeff madden seconded the motion. With all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- A. Marty Egan explained to the Commission that he was able to work out an arrangement with the WPCA in regards to the sewer usage fees for the Nystrom's bathroom facility, so that the TYSA was able to use the building for its soccer program on Saturdays.

The agreement in place was that TYSA would not have access to the portion of the building where the water controls are located and that Marty Egan would assure the WPCA that he would shut the water off after the TYSA usage on Saturdays and not turn it back on until the following Saturday when the TYSA returned for it's next week of soccer. Thus, assuring the WPCA that the TYSA group could not use the bathroom building during the week and eliminating the possibility that TYSA could produce sewage that was not being accounted for and therefore, not paid for.

Marty Egan gave the members a copy of the final 2009-2010 budget that reflected the budget cuts of \$10,000 the Commission had made, as a result of the Board of Finance's cuts to the Commission's budget for the current fiscal year. The Commission members reviewed it and there were no questions.

New Business:

- A. Marty Egan gave the Commission members a copy of a fax that he had received from a company representing the Thomaston Volunteer Fire Department asking for donations to advertise in the "Thomaston Fire Department's Official Magazine" to be offered and distributed at the Harlem Superstars basketball game. After discussion, Marty Stammer made a motion to decline the offer due to a lack of funds within the Recreation Commission budget to entertain such an offer. Jeff

Madden seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passes to decline the request for a donation.

- B. Marty Egan explained to the Commission that he felt that the Commission needed to develop a policy to deal with the Recreation Travel basketball team tryouts and the manner in which they are held so they are consistent across the board for all four of the travel teams. After discussion, the Commission decided put together a policy in regards to travel team tryouts from this point forward. Rick Markey made a motion to form a policy regarding the four travel basketball teams that would include the following:
- The Recreation Director shall provide each of the four travel team head coaches with an updated and accurate list as to what participants are eligible to tryout for the travel teams.
 - Only players registered for the Recreation basketball program can participate in the tryouts.
 - All four travel teams will have a minimum of two tryouts and a maximum of three tryouts
 - All players must attend at least one of the two tryouts to be eligible for the team. Any players who are eligible to tryout, but who fail to attend at least one of the tryouts, is not eligible to participate on the team.
 - The head coach may name only one assistant coach to the team prior to completion of the tryouts.
 - The head coach and his one assistant are to be the only parents of eligible players to run and implement the tryouts.
 - The minimum number of players selected to each of the four travel teams is at the discretion of the head coach of each of those four teams, and may not exceed 15 players.
 - No players shall be added to the roster after the completion of tryouts, if any players have been cut from the original tryout list.

Marty Stammer seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion passed.

Marty Egan went on to explain to the Commission that based on last years numbers of the 5th and 6th grade boys travel team and that of the 7th and 8th grade boys travel team, he expected a very high volume in terms of eligible tryout participants. He asked the Commission if they felt that this year's situation warranted a second travel team in the 7th and 8th grade division to accommodate the high numbers of possible cuts made. He explained that the approximate cost would be \$1100.00 for a set of uniforms and officials for ten home games. After discussion the Commission decided not to act, citing no funds to accommodate such an idea.

Communications:

Marty Egan gave the members a copy of a letter received from the Torrington Area Youth Service Bureau thanking the Commission for their taking part in the summer program that allowed a disadvantaged youth from Thomaston an opportunity for employment at Nystrom's Park this summer as part of federal government funded program.

Marty gave the members a copy of a letter received from a grandparent of a Little League participant who was displeased with All-Star processes. The Commission members reviewed it and there were no questions regarding it based on the fact the Recreation Commission does not run the Thomaston Little league and its internal workings are the concern of the Thomaston Little League Board.

Adjournment:

Rick Markey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Jeff Madden seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.