



Thomaston Recreation Commission

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The Regular meeting of the Thomaston Recreation Commission was held on Monday, July 12th. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Deziel, at 7:35 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the members. Matt Stancavage made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Rick Markey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the minutes were accepted as read.

Guests:

- A. Kathy-Jo Butkevicius, Thomaston Little League President, and Amy Flamigetti, Thomaston Youth Soccer Association President, were in attendance at the request of the Recreation Commission to discuss budget cuts to the Recreation Department budget that would directly impact their two programs.

Old Business:

- A. Marty Egan explained to the both league presidents how the Recreation Commission had their budget cut three separate times during the budget process this past year. Those cuts came in increments of \$10,000, \$7,000, and finally \$12,000, totaling a reduction of \$29,000 from the proposed budget submitted by the Commission to the Board of Finance.

Marty explained that some of those cuts already impacted the Thomaston Little League and the Thomaston Youth Soccer Association in several ways. He went on to explain that the Commission has eliminated any money for clay to any ball fields in Thomaston including the red vitrified clay at Reeve's Field. In addition, the Commission will no longer supply lime to line all the athletic fields for the Little league games. On the soccer side, the Commission can no longer fund the money for paint to line all of the soccer fields. He went on to explain that they can still provide the service but cannot provide the materials.

Marty explained that all these cuts had been prior to the final cut made by the Board Finance to the Recreation Commission after the budget referendum had failed, and that the Commission must now cut an additional \$13,745 to satisfy the bottom line given to them to operate.

Marty went on to explain to the League Presidents that one of the items to be cut next would be the \$8,001 item for application of fertilizer, weed control, grub control, and lime applied to Sanford Avenue Field, Highwood Farms Field, Nystrom's Field, and Reeve's Field. He disbursed copies of the financial breakdown for all fields to Commission members as well as the league presidents and suggested to them that they may consider funding this item themselves if they wish to continue to keep the athletic fields, that they play on, in good condition. He stated that he would still be able to

coordinate the applications with any company chosen just that the Commission could no longer afford the service.

Both league presidents had several questions regarding the process and both stated they would take the information to their respective Boards and get back to the Commission with information regarding if their respective leagues could afford such an endeavour or have the inclination to do so.

At that point the Commission Members were distributed the last proposed budget for review in an attempt to make the final budget reductions for fiscal year 2010-2011. After discussion, Matt Stancavage made a motion to make the following cuts to the following line items:

Machinery and Equipment	\$ 400.00
Gas and Oil	\$ 500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 8,001.00
Materials	\$ 1,148.00
Telephone	\$ 300.00
Salaries	\$ 2,046.00
Sports programs	\$ 600.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 250.00
Water company	\$ 500.00

Sean Czellecz seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion was approved.

- B. Marty explained to the commission that he had been approached by WPCA Chairman, Tom Mueller to attend one of their WPCA meetings back in May. At that meeting, Mr. Mueller suggested the idea that the WPCA could fund the Recreation Department with money needed to run it's Summer Playground program and Swim Lessons program that had been eliminated during the budget process. The WPCA Board took a vote and accepted the idea in theory provided all the legal and financial regulations would allow such an idea. Marty went on to explain that after Mr. Mueller contacted Town attorney, Mike Rybak, they were advised that this would not be possible due to regulations regarding WPCA money.

Adjournment:

Rick Markey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Brian Lafontaine seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.