

# APPROVED

## **Royalton Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

*February 21, 2011*

Voted to go into Executive Session about an employee at 6:30pm. Executive Session ended at 6:55pm, no action taken.

Voted to go into another Executive Session at 8:48pm inviting Melissa Kumar to attend. Executive Session ended at 9:00pm, no action taken.

The meeting was called to order by Demetra Small at 7:00 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Demetra Small, Lisa Southworth (acting Secretary), John Scoskie, Jim Hewitt, Paul Brock, Ernie Amsden, and Melissa Kumar

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved.

### **Old Business**

- ❖ Approval of invoices.
- ❖ There was discussion about the guidelines for adult fees for the use of the field(s). There was a suggestion made to have payments made with a check NO CASH and made payable to Town of Royalton. We can decide who they would need to turn their form and payment to.
- ❖ **Jim** will talk to Tim Murphy about making a donation box as the shop class will not be able to make one.
- ❖ **Demetra** will get a sympathy card to give to Stateline Sports for the passing of Bob Vanier (owner). She will also follow up with them on an "authorization list" and start a new list so anyone that was on it for the Rec is removed.
- ❖ **Demetra** will discuss the Fitness Center with Jenny. Is there a policy for the use of it? The Commission needs to understand the ins and outs of the fitness center.
- ❖ Our March 5<sup>th</sup> event will not happen. Conflict with the 7/8 grade fundraiser and our event.

- ❖ We would like to have a winter carnival "day" on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. A lot of ideas were thrown out. We discussed having an adult softball tournament to raise money for the Recreation Programs.

### **New Business**

- ❖ Carrie O'Donnell and Tara Tucker from the One Planet Program attended the meeting to discuss their idea to improve the program which would include the Recreation Commission. They would like to expand the program for the Town of Royalton. They discussed a grant that the Commission could do. The program could receive from \$5k-\$15k from this grant. The money would not be available for this summer. They would like to work together with the Commission to improve the One Planet program which would mean more field trips, activities, and be able to take more kids than the 40 they are allowed now. The Commission gave them ideas like hiking to Oliver's Cave, Kent's Ledge, learning more about the Town (Royalton Raid), etc.. The program dates would be from June 20, 2011. Ernie mentioned that we can amend the budget at Town Meeting to increase the One Planet Summer Program from \$4k-\$7500.
- ❖ Jim asked that we give Dale some money for all the times he had plowed the ice rink. Paul motioned to give Dale \$100 and Jim seconded the motion. All in favor. Jim also told us that the light was turned onto the ice rink as well. He also suggested we ask the Select board if the person they hired to clean the sidewalks would maintain the ice rink next year (plowing it off) or asking the Law School to do that. **Demetra** will contact the Select board and ask about using the Community Betterment Fund for this. If not, the Commission will need to think about budgeting snow removal next year.
- ❖ Paul explained that sign-ups will be next week (week of February 28<sup>th</sup>). He is just waiting for Chrissy to get him the sign-up paperwork (health form, code of conduct, and sign-up form). They have another meeting the second week in March which will also be their State meeting as to where tournaments will be held etc. Asked him what we would need to have a baseball/softball tournament on our fields, we will need a home run fence which a portable one would cost approximately \$650, concessions (have), PA system set-up (could work out), and ample parking (have).

### **Next Meeting**

March 7, 2011 (special meeting) at 6:30pm and March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm, Town Office.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.