

- **Belmont Recreation Commission**  
- **September 17, 2007**

- Present: Dan MacAuley, June Howell, Neal Fay, Dennis Rocha, Peter Pomponi, Stephanie King, Noreen Millane, Lee Slap, Betsy Lipson, Bill McKenney

- By invitation:

- The meeting began at 7:09 p.m.

- **1. Welcome New Members**

- The commission welcomed new members Dennis Rocha and Lee Slap. Introductions were made.

- **2. Program Report**

- **a. Summer Program Report**

- The Department Director reviewed the summer program for the Commission, highlighting Underwood Pool, summer camps, tennis program, and softball league.

- In fiscal 2006, it was suggested by a commissioner to sell out-of-town memberships. The recreation department sold 50 such memberships, generating solid revenue for the department. Ideally, a portion of these proceeds would go back to enhance the pool. This decision is under the jurisdiction of the Warrant Committee.

- **b. School Year Program Planning**

- Memberships are currently being sold for the school year. The field house and Higginbottom Pool are slated to open on October 1. The Viglirolo Skating Rink is scheduled to open on November 12. The department is also planning, with the high school athletic office, a Youth Soccer Night.

- **3. Requests**

- **a. Youth Hockey Program**

- Belmont Youth Hockey proposed a new instructional program. It was comprised of three possibilities; partnering with the recreation department, running the program on their own, combining efforts with an existing program in Watertown. At this time, the recreation department does not have resources to partner. The commission will recommend that BYH go ahead with their proposal, focusing on the other two options, and the department will do it's best to support their efforts, i.e. scheduling available ice time.

- **b. Payson Park memorial bench**

- The Commission received a request to place a memorial bench at Payson Park. A vote was taken on this initiative.

- **VOTE:** passed unanimously

#### 4. Administrative

##### a. CORI Policy update

- The recreation department proposed a policy on requiring CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) checks.
- **MOTION:** To accept the CORI policy with the stipulation that the recreation department staff has the ability to terminate or deny employment on the findings of a CORI check. The department will conduct CORI checks on a bi-annual basis.
- **VOTE:** passed unanimously
- Additionally, it was recommended that the following be added to the recreation department brochure: "All recreation department employees, volunteers, and commissioners are subject to a required CORI check."
- **b. Acceptance of the June 4, 2007 minutes**
- The minutes were accepted as presented.

#### 5. Financial

##### a. FY07 Revenue, through August 07

Revenue was reviewed from July 1 – August 31, 2007.

##### c. Out of town membership sales – school year

- The Commission reviewed the success of the summer memberships. Continuing this offering for the school year was discussed.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made to sell 50 school year memberships at \$250 each, to include all the same privileges as in-town members.
- **VOTE:** passed unanimously

#### 6. Miscellaneous

- The Commission had a visitor come to discuss his concerns about the swimming schedule for the Higginbottom Pool. The new changes were clearly reviewed and will be monitored by the recreation department.
- The recreation department will send the report on the Underwood Pool, as completed by the department of public works, to the commission.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
- The next meeting is Monday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.