

Belmont Recreation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of May 15, 2006

Attendance:

Mary Ann Johnson
Peter Pomponi
Daniel MacAuley

Tim Allen
Kathleen Ruane
Noreen Millane

Robert Delhome
Stephanie King

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

A reception was held to honor our Special Needs Program Director, Susan Weiner, who was recently named an "Unsung Heroine" in the annual program sponsored by the State of Massachusetts. Susan then gave an update on the S.P.O.R.T. program, which now has an all-time high number of participants.

Representatives of the Senior Center Building Committee attended and provided an update on the plans for the construction of the Center adjacent to the Town Field Playground.

The Commission members reviewed plans for the summer season and discussed budget cuts. The members voted unanimously that no funding could be provided for the Payson Park Music Festival this season due to the reduced budget. Members are hopeful that private donations or increased corporate sponsorship can make up this difference so that the schedule of concerts will not have to be reduced.

The Director updated the Commission on Spring programs. A record setting amount of rainfall over 8 consecutive days has hurt the outdoor programs. A new schedule with make up dates for postponed games on Friday nights and weekends in June will be completed.

A request for free summer program enrollment was denied. The Commission indicated that the decision could be reviewed if a proof of hardship could be substantiated.

It was noted that the Recreation Dept. and the Adult Education program have worked together to avoid offering competing programs in Belmont.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 12.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 p.m.