

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Commission  
June 6, 2011**

7:05 pm Meeting Called to Order

Attending: John Owens, David Kane, Stephanie King, Ann Bere, Laurie Carlson, Lee Slap, Andrew Levin, Dennis Rocha

Marilyn Westgate, Tom Josefiak and Lynn Findlay of the Parents of Dolphins Swimmers Board attended. Ms. Westgate reported on the past season and addressed some concerns for the future. These included the hope that the Dolphins season could be extended and that the coaches salaries be adjusted to be more competitive with area teams. The Commission instructed Dept. staff to examine the schedule and the budget to see if these could be accomplished. The PODS Board also agreed to donate 2 new spine boards, one for the Higginbottom and one for the Underwood Pool. The ones that are these facilities now are in need of replacing.

Bobby Stafford of Belmont Boy Scout Troop304 introduced his proposal to construct a scoreboard at the Grove St. field. Many residents of the Grove St neighborhood were present and expressed concern about the placement of a permanent structure at the field. It was decided that residents would arrange to meet with Bobby at the field to get a clearer idea of his vision.

Residents of the Grove St. neighborhood were on hand in the event that a vote would be taken on the construction of batting cages at the Grove St field. Residents were informed that no vote would be taken and that Belmont Youth Baseball asked for a postponement so that they could meet further with neighbors to see if a compromise could be reached.

The Commission and Department staff discussed the operations of the Department in the short term due to the retirement of Director McKenney on May 25.

The Board voted to approve guidelines, fees and processing of Goose Buster and field permits.

The Board was updated on the financial aid awarded for summer programs.

The Board agreed to study current programs and their costs and successes to better determine what fees need to be adjusted for the coming school year.

Revenue through May was reviewed.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, June 27

