

AVON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

TOWN OF AVON

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COMMISSIONERS: Barbara Littlefield, Chairwoman
Kathy McDonald, Vice-Chairwoman
Glenn Fernald, Michael Lawler

APRIL 16, 2015

Avon Park and Recreation met at 7:00 with members Barbara Littlefield, Kathy McDonald, Glenn Fernald and Mike Lawler present.

Minutes from the March 26th meeting were reviewed and accepted as recorded.

Eric Beckerman, chairman of the Finance Committee, sat in on the meeting.

ACES

The Commission met with Mark Talbot from the ACES program. He was looking for an update on the next phase of the CHNA grant. We are currently working towards installing the security cameras. The trees have been removed from the tennis court area. Mark also wanted to know if any one from the Park department would be able to attend the Grant presentations held at Stonehill College on May 7th, 5:30 to 7:30. Kathy will forward a picture to Amanda for her presentation.

NETTING FOR NOONAN/BACK STOP FOR CROWLEY

The Commission has been having a hard time finding 2 other companies beside On Deck Sports, to bid on netting for the backstop at Noonan field. This is a speciality job and there does not seem to be other qualified companies. Kathy will check the procurement laws and send an email to Mr Crimmins explaining our problem.

FIELD CONDITIONS

The Commission discussed the field conditions and how it is imperative that the highway department have schedules for the games to insure that they have the fields groomed for each game. Kathy motioned that the Avon Little Leagues field request form be approved, Glenn 2nd the motion, with all members in favor. Ron Zimmermann has been contacted to prepare the fields for spring play.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Ann Littlefield has agreed to organize this years Summer Program. She is not available to actually oversee the program each day at the park. The assistant director will run the daily programs.

THEATER PROGRAM - ACT

The Commission reviewed a request from Christyn Hobbs to run a fundraiser this summer. Originally her proposal was for a dinner theater production but they have decided on a small play and skip the dinner. The board would like to meet with her at our next meeting. Carol will email Christyn to confirm she is available at 7:30 on April the 30th. Mike is concerned that the group has not followed all of our requirements. The board is concerned that the amount of time spent at each meeting on the ACT program is taking away from our other interests. Eric Beckerman suggested that one approach would be to submit an article for the September town meeting to make the ACT program a separate Commission from P&R. The ACT director lost the key for the storage shed at Miller Tracy and turned in a new set of locks and keys.

MEETING WITH THE FINCOM

Barbara and Mike met with the FinCom to discuss the budget we submitted for 2016. Our request for an Youth Coordinator can not be supported at this time without further information. Eric suggested that we continue to run our programs as we have been and if we need additional funds to hire qualified personnel we can request the funds at the special town meeting

MISC

The Commission discussed having another Family Movie night this year. A date will be chosen at a future meeting.

Members of the Commission were invited to help out at the Avon's Cleanup day on May 2nd, from 7:30 to 9:30.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Geary, Secretary
Avon Park and Recreation Commission

PENDING PROJECTS: Back stop at Crowley field

Backstop netting for Noonan field

Job description for Youth Coordinator

Playground equipment for 3-5 year olds for Butler playground

Summer program director