

A meeting of the Town of Moreau Recreation Commission was held on April 4, 2011, 2011 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York.

Chairman, Garth Baker, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Present: Garth Baker, Chairman; Elizabeth Lanfear, Secretary; Keith Kreppein, Bob Vittengl, John Farrell

Absent: Andy Laing, Ryan Dennis

Also Present: Steve Gram, Recreation Director, Danielle Bourdeau from SGFGS

Garth Baker stated that the agenda would be done earlier next month and posted on the Moreau Rec website so the public would be aware of what would be discussed.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanfear and seconded by Keith Kreppein to adopt the minutes of January, February and March of 2011, with the amendment to the February 2011 minutes that Elizabeth Lanfear did not arrive at the meeting until 7:30pm.

Baker -	Yes
Lanfear -	Yes
Kreppein -	Yes
Vittengl -	Yes
Farrell -	Yes

Steve Gram listed the items he sent to the Recreation Commission.

Garth Baker asked for an update on Town Recreation programming.

Steve Gram stated that he had met with the people from school and that modified sports were to be cut. He mentioned the possibility of extending the fall soccer program to include up to the eighth grade.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that the SGF Girls Softball Board was going to meet the next night to discuss cuts to the modified sports programs.

Garth Baker stated that we can't have the programming to provide modified level sports across the board.

Bob Vittengl stated that this is an important age to keep kids busy and keep them focused in one direction. He asked how the school was going to help us fill in this hole.

Garth Baker stated that we definitely need to pick up something. He asked what the biggest programs were that were being cut.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that coaches are being displaced as well. Coaches might therefore be available, and parents may be willing to pay for their kids to play.

Garth Baker asked what the Rec Commission thought could be done to help.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the main priority right now should be soccer and other fall sports.

Steve Gram stated that Nick Fitzgerald, the SGF Athletic Director, told him that the Rec Department would have the use of the middle school fields next year because they are not going to be used.

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Bob Vittengl stated that if the budget fails, the Rec programs would not be able to use the school fields. Rec programming could be a way to help pass the budget if people know what would be available for the kids.

Elizabeth Lanfear agreed that it could be a good idea to help pass the budget, and that the Rec Commission should let people know what's going on as far as what is available for the kids.

Discussion ensued...

Keith Kreppein stated that he was going to see Nick Fitzgerald the next day and would see if he would be available to be at a Rec Commission meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if Steve Gram discussed programming with other area Rec Directors.

Steve Gram stated that he usually talked to other directors in Saratoga County.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that since Glens Falls and Queensbury both had Rec Commissions, perhaps it would be good to find out what they were doing, since there was more likely cross-over between GF, Qsby and SGF.

Bob Vittengl stated that Steve Gram should talk to the Glens Falls and Queensbury Rec Directors to see if they are working on the same things.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that she felt the Rec Commission should focus on field hockey, since the varsity program is building.

It was decided that the Rec Commission would have a workshop on April 25, 2011 to discuss picking up some of the modified programming.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that she had obtained quotes for installing the sprinkler system at the quad fields. She had called 6 places for quotes. Two she gave the Rec Commission, one didn't get back to her, one was from Volt, whom she didn't get back to. Of the two Steve suggested one didn't get back to her, the other was \$4000 and with prevailing wage would have been another \$2000. SGFGS has allotted \$3500 to pay for the sprinklers.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that item number 27 in the Rec Director's report stated that he had discussed an irrigation plan with Jeremy for the quad infields. She asked what that was about.

Steve Gram stated that Danielle Bourdeau has been talking to Jeremy about the sprinklers. They had talked about putting grass along the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base lines to keep the heads from clogging, but that nobody has been to look at the schematics and size of pipes.

Discussion about the number of sprinkler heads and water lines.

John Farrell stated that he had the feeling from the last meeting that the Rec Commission thought that this was a good project to move ahead with.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked what was needed to move ahead with this.

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A motion was made by Bob Vittengl and seconded by Elizabeth Lanfear to install four sprinkler heads per field at the quad.

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Kreppein -	Yes
Vittengl -	Yes
Farrell -	Yes

John Farrell asked if Joe Patricks needed to approve this first.

Bob Vittengl stated that the only cost to the town is for the use of the water. He asked if the Town would be controlling it.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that once it's installed is the property of the town.

Steve Gram stated that the Rec employees are at there to drag the fields anyway, so they could control turning the water on and off.

John Farrell asked about SGFGS working the sprinklers for tournaments, not the regular season, since there are time constraints.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that with regards to the Rec staff, "They're amazing, we couldn't do this without them."

Garth Baker asked if Steve Gram had a problem with SGFGS having access to turn the water off and on.

Steve Gram said, "No, not at all." He said that as long as they weren't in the Rec Department's area, it was fine.

Danielle Bourdeau asked if Steve Gram would like her to set up a meeting with all the interested parties to discuss what's going on.

Steve Gram said it would be a good idea. In addition, she would need references for the Town Board for the people who were going to do the work. He stated that the Town Board would ask for it anyway.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that she couldn't meet until the evening due to her work schedule.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if Steve could come in for a little bit on a Sunday to meet, since Jeremy was working, and Danielle could make it.

Steve Gram stated that he would pay Jeremy to stay later during the week since he was off on Sundays and wouldn't be in.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that SGFGS was making up 100 vouchers for hotdogs for the Mike Nolan dedication. They have not scheduled games so that people can attend the dedication.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if SGFGS was going to hold their appreciation day on May 7<sup>th</sup> as well.

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Danielle Bourdeau said they were not, due to a scheduling conflict. Also, she offered her thanks to Keith Kreppein for the offer to make a menu board, but it's been donated. She asked if he could do a sign for the people who volunteered their time to work on the building and the quad.

Discussion ensued.

Danielle Bourdeau said she had received an e-mail from Steve Gram about the garbage situation. She asked if SGFGS could get help getting the garbage to the dumpster, since it can get messy and people are using their personal vehicles to move it.

Bob Vittengl asked if anyone had a problem with the Rec employees picking up the garbage.

Keith Kreppein stated that as long as it was part of the routine and is taken care of, there shouldn't be a problem.

Steve Gram stated that on that note, if SGFGS could be out of the park when they're supposed to, that would be helpful.

Danielle Bourdeau asked if she could have a key to the gate at the quad, so she can get into the concession stand. She does all the shopping, so she is like a vendor. She would be in and out before people even arrived for games.

Elizabeth asked Steve Gram if it would be a problem.

Steve Gram stated that he would check on it.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if it was something the Town Board had to approve.

Steve Gram stated that he would talk with Supervisor Jenkins about it.

Danielle Bourdeau stated that she had had a conversation with Steve Gram and that she'd like a key to get into the concession stand by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Gram said that she could, as long as the water was turned on.

Danielle Bourdeau asked if the water was not on, could she still get in by the 15<sup>th</sup>?

Steve Gram stated no. Legally, the health department won't let you in until the water is on.

Discussion ensued.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked Steve Gram if SGFGS could be in by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Gram answered yes.

Garth Baker stated that he had a conversation with Steve Gram prior to the meeting and that the American Legion baseball had some big changes. They are now associated with the Glens Falls American Legion.

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Steve Gram stated that he only said something to Ggarth because he wanted to make sure people are treated fairly.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if Steve Gram could find out if there is already a signed contract with the Town for the current season.

Steve Gram answered yes.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the Rec Commission should see what the Town has to say first. Let's not get the cart before the horse.

Steve Gram stated that there are two South High teams playing on the Legion field this season. Both the junior varsity and modified teams are using the field. A couple of churches had filled out field request forms to use the field as well.

Garth Baker asked about tournament scheduling.

Steve Gram stated that it was first come, first serve as far as tournament scheduling.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that she wanted to ask about director's report items number 37 and 38. Number 37 stated that "Bruce worked on the ice rink daily with the groomer," and number 38 stated, "Bruce groomed trails for X Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing." However, it was her recollection that the ice rink had been closed down in February. She asked if the employees had, in fact, worked on the ice rink and groomed trails in March or if it was an error in the report.

Steve Gram said that it was an error.

Steve Gram said that yes, it was an error in the report.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the report also stated that contractors were being scheduled and that work was being performed. She asked what contracting was being done.

Steve Gram stated that lights were being put on the back of the bathroom as part of the lighting grant.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked why a proposed landscaping idea was being designed by one of the employees. Per conversations at a previous Rec Commission meeting, she had contacted Rich Morris to find out about the possibility of getting some landscaping donated for the Mike Nolan sign.

Steve Gram stated that Jeremy had been asked to do it by Councilwoman LeClaire.

Discussion about Mike Nolan sign and dimensions.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked about the wellness walk at the Rec Park and why the Rec Commission was just finding out about it.

Steve Gram stated that he let the Rec Commission know when he was aware of it.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that she had seen it advertised at one of the elementary schools for some time.

Discussion about advertising events and scheduling them.

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Bob Vittengl said that it all comes down to communication.

Steve Gram stated that we're meeting once a month to talk about things and that he just saw a sign for free swim lessons. He was waiting for a call back form Zack at the YMCA.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if the Rec summer staff was hired yet.

Steve Gram stated no. They have to have their applications filled out first. Returning employees have to fill out new applications as well.

Bob Vittengl asked if Steve could mail applications to the previous employees.

Discussion...

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanfear and seconded by Bob Vittengl to extend the fall soccer program to include divisions for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

Baker -	Yes
Lanfear -	Yes
Kreppein -	Yes
Vittengl -	Yes
Farrell -	Yes

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that she felt that parents should not be allowed to coach three teams in the fall soccer program.

Discussion with regards to coaching conflicts, difficulties finding coaches and the best interests of the children playing.

Bob Vittengl clarified that Garth Baker and Elizabeth Lanfear were going to work on the soccer flyers.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated yes, and they should also create an exit survey for the Rec programs.

Garth Baker asked for clarification of date and time for the Mike Nolan dedication.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that it was on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Keith Kreppein stated that the sign will be done.

Steve Gram stated that some poles will be painted also.

Garth Baker asked for an update on the beach situation.

Steve Gram stated that since the equipment is over \$10,000 it needs to go out to bid. Rec employees are working on some lighting and other repairs as well.

Discussion about security cameras .....

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Steve Gram said he is going to see if he has any minutes or notes from the collaborative meeting he had with the school, YMCA and Community Center.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanfear and seconded by Bob Vittengl to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

Baker -	Yes
Lanfear -	Yes
Kreppein -	Yes
Vittengl -	Yes
Farrell -	Yes

Minutes Compiled and Submitted by:  
Elizabeth Lanfear, Secretary