

RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
October 19, 2010

- 1. Roll Call:** Jane Gawron, John Broderick, Ron Michalski, Amy Foley, Andy Rogers.
Excused: Mark Du Bois, Al Tracy and Pat Dawson.
- 2. Minutes of October 19, 2010.** Approved as read JG/RM. 4-0.
- 3. Bills Payable.** Approved as read JB/RM. 4-0.
- 4. Correspondence Sent:** AR reviewed the previous month's correspondence.
- 5. Correspondence Received:** AR reviewed the previous month's correspondence. AR discussed the "Bounced Check Policy" as put in place by the clerk's office. JG asked if we used the District Attorney's office for the retrieval of bounced checks, AR will look into it.
- 6. Meetings:** AR gave an overview of the previous month's meeting schedule.
- 7. Schedule of Events:** See attached document. AR reviewed the current schedule of events. He noted that the adult fitness classes taught by Tanya Ryan are extremely well attended at this time.
- 8. Policy Review:** The Commission discussed a few items that involve youth sports.
 1. When considering playing time in youth sports, there are a number of factors: age, tryout team, non-tryout team, etc... They felt that as children approached the 7/8th grade, they are starting to get ready for high school sports and the better players should play more and play the important positions. When they are younger, the concentration should be focused on having fun, skill development, etc... They suggested AR prepare a "best practices" document that can be distributed to coaches.
 2. Play calling/strategy: AR noted some issues with coaches trying to compete (win) more than develop skill, or teach tactics that are far too advanced for a specific age group. The Commission members felt that this was tough to regulate and that the Director should work with the coaches on this.
- 9. New Business:**
 1. Incident at PVJSL game: There was an incident at a PVJSL game where the police were called. Because this game involved the Ligers team that is not affiliated with the Recreation Department, AR recommended that no further inquiry be needed.
 2. Surveys: AR suggested that he is going to do a survey for the youth football program due to a number of complaints about the coaching staff. JG suggested that there be an area for parents to note if they would like to be contacted for follow up.
- 10. Adjournment:** JG/JB. 4-0.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:00p.m. in the Recreation Department Office.