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**Thomaston Recreation Commission**  
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The Regular meeting of the Thomaston Recreation Commission was held on Monday, February 1st. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Deziel, at 7:37 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

Members present were Chairperson, Pam Deziel, Gary Wilson, Marty Stammer, Matt Stancavage, Brian Lafontaine, and Rick Markey. Also present was Marty Egan

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the members. Marty Stammer made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Rick Markey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the minutes were accepted.

**Old Business:**

- A. 2010-2011 Nystrom's Park budget – Marty Egan requested that the Nystrom's Park budget be tabled until the March meeting of the Recreation Commission. Rick Markey made a motion to table the item until the March meeting. Brian Lafontaine seconded the motion. With all in favor, the item was tabled.
- B. Capital Improvements projects – Marty Egan gave the Commission members a copy of the three projects submitted to the capital improvements committee for the next fiscal year. The three projects were improvements to the Tennis Courts at Sanford Avenue, Weed control in Nystrom's Pond, and the construction of a new basketball court at Nystrom's. Marty went on to explain that all of these projects have been submitted for years and no funding has been provided for any of the three projects to date.

**New Business:**

- A. Brian Lafontaine discussed with the Recreation Commission that he has been serving on the committee in Town attempting to plan and construct a track in Thomaston. Brian explained that the committee has been looking at several sites and that it appeared that the best alternative may be at Nystrom's in approximately the same site as the Recreation Commission's feasibility study showed in the late 90's. Brian explained that the committee had contacted Milone and McBroom, the company who performed the original feasibility study for the Recreation Commission years ago, and that they were willing to perform some preliminary work free of charge to see if the track would still fit in that location, due to the fact that the Recreation Commission has built a new baseball field, and a new bathroom building since the days of the abandoned proposed athletic complex at Nystrom's.

Brian told the commission members that members of the track committee were looking for some type of approval from the Recreation Commission. After discussion, Pam Deziel asked each member for their support or lack of support regarding the thought of using Nystrom's for the track. All members were in support of the idea in concept but were not prepared to make any type of motions regarding it since there were no plans regarding exact location of the track or what impact it may have on other activities or events that already take place there. In addition, members had many questions regarding the cost of maintenance of such a facility and who would assume the responsibility as well.

- B Use of Nystrom's Park for Penguin Plunge – Marty Egan explained to the commission that he had received a brief e-mail from 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Ed Mone, on behalf of Mike Burr requesting the commission's sponsorship and approval for use of Nystrom's Pond for a penguin Plunge on February 27<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the track committee who is attempting to plan and construct a track in Thomaston. Brian Lafontaine, a member of track committee, stated that he felt that the date of the event had been moved to March 27<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, Matt Stancavage made a motion to provide the committee with a permit for the event provided that they adhere to any and all regulations set forth by the Town's Insurance Company. Marty Stammer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed
- C Mohawk Ski Program – Marty Egan explained to Commission members that the Ski trips to Mohawk Mountain after school for students in grades 7-12 had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. He explained that the first three weeks of the program had to be cancelled because only approximately 5 students were signed up each week. He went on to say, that hopefully the program would resume again next year.
- D Nystrom's Bath house building usage – Marty Egan explained to the Commission that he had been approached informally by Jeff Dunn, on behalf of the Thomaston Little league regarding the usage of the bathroom building at Nystrom's for the upcoming Little league season. Commission members asked Marty to contact Little League president, Kathy-Jo Butkevicius, and ask her to provide in writing if this request is from the league officially and if so, to provide her ideas in writing on how many dates, and how many hours each day she felt the building would be needed so that the Commission could better assess the costs involved.

#### **Communications:**

- A 2010 Recreation Commission meeting schedule – Marty Egan gave the Commission members a copy of the revised 2010 meeting schedule indication new starting times of 7:30 instead of 7:00 for Recreation Commission meetings.
- B Fireman's Carnival – Marty Egan gave the Commission members a copy of the letter he sent to first Selectman, Ed Mone, regarding signing off on Commission permits to allow the Thomaston Volunteer Fire Department to consume and sell alcoholic beverages on Town property, specifically Sanford Avenue, during the annual Thomaston Volunteer Fire Department's carnival. Marty went on to explain to the Commission that the Fire Department has requested dates in July for the event as opposed to the August dates usually requested.
- C Unemployment Compensation – Marty Egan gave the Commission a copy of a requisition from the Commission to pay a \$520.00 bill from the unemployment office for a past employee. He explained that this money would be deducted from the Commission's budget.

#### **Adjournment:**

Rick Markey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. Marty Stammer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.