

Town of Southeast
Recreation Committee Meeting
January 24, 2007

Present: Joe Cavanagh
Paul Fucito
Billie Froessel
Deborah Levin
Levon Bedrosian
Fred Delfay
Robert Cullen

Also Present: Supervisor John Dunford
Lorraine Mitts (Town Board Liasion)
Ray Knox (Recreation Director)
Patricia Bohrman (Recreation Leader)
MaryAnne Gallipani (Recreation Leader)

Supervisor Dunford welcomed the Recreation Committee members and assured them that they would receive the Town's full support. He explained that they were an advisory committee formed primarily for the purpose of determining the feasibility of building a recreation center in the Town of Southeast. The committee needs to determine the Town's recreational needs and work towards putting together a proposal and plan for a recreation center. Supervisor Dunford explained that the Town Board supported the idea of combining a recreation center and senior center and the Committee members agreed with that approach.

Supervisor Dunford appointed Lorraine Mitts as Town Board Liasion and Ray Knox as Recreation Department representative.

The Committee members elected Joe Cavanagh as Chairman and Billie Froessel as Secretary. The Committee's meeting schedule was set as every other Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Town's Recreation Office.

The Committee agreed that a survey needed to be drafted and sent out town wide to determine what facilities/amenities the residents would like to see in a recreation/senior center. It was noted that there was a recent survey conducted in relation to seeking State funding of a Senior Center in the Town of Southeast and that the results of that survey should be examined. Levon Bedrosian and Deborah Levin volunteered to draft the survey.

The subject of what grants, both state and federal, might be available for such a project was discussed. Fred Delfay, Billie Froessel and Robert Cullen volunteered to research grants.

Other areas of possible financing were discussed, including donations. Paul Fucito and Robert Cullen volunteered to research this area.

The Committee discussed visiting other recreation/senior centers in other towns to get an idea of what facilities and amenities other towns had chosen, as well as to gather information regarding costs, fees and the processes other towns had gone through to build their centers. Paul Fucito and Robert Cullen volunteered to set up appointments at other sites with other Committee Members attending when possible.

The subject of location for a recreation/senior center was discussed. Lorraine Mitts explained that land costs would probably not have to be considered since the Town had several possible locations.

The Committee discussed what would be needed for a bond proposal and when such a proposal would have to be ready to be on the ballot in November 2007. It was decided that a proposal would have to be substantially complete by August.

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