



**CITY OF CORNING
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Boles.

B. ROLL CALL:

Chairperson:	Craig Purcell
Commissioners:	Shannon Boles Loretta Price Larry Johnson Kyle Lauderdale

Commissioners present: Boles, Price, Johnson and Lauderdale. Commissioners Absent: Purcell.

C. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2008 Recreation Commission meeting with any necessary corrections.

Commissioner Price motioned approval of the September 2, 2008 Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. **Ayes: Boles, Price, Johnson and Lauderdale. Opposed: None. Absent: Purcell. Abstain: None. Motion approved by a vote of 4-0 with Purcell absent.**

2. High School Recreation Activities Survey – Discussion.

After a summary and discussion by the Recreation Supervisor, she stated she would be working with the Recreation Class at Corning High School to construct, disperse, and track results of the High School Survey. She also said they hope to obtain more accurate results by having students create the survey. Recreation Supervisor Kim Beck also informed the Commission that they hope to extent the survey to Maywood Middle School. When asked when this task would be complete, Kim replied that they hope to be finished before the year's end.

3. Update on Recreation Programs.

Recreation Supervisor Kim Beck informed the Commission that the most successful programs are Tumbling, Mommy N' Me, and Karate. Karate is still growing with over 50 youth participants. The Tumbling class is starting a new session immediately after the first session is completed due to customer demand. Kim stated that the Mommy N' Me class has become a club that stay-at-home Moms are enjoying just as much as their kids. The group has created play dates, lunches, and other fun activities. Kim stated the class is free and is now being held at Deb Meents's Dance Studio behind the Veteran's Hall. Kim informed the Commission that programs that have future opportunities are scrapbooking, which will continue being offered once a month, and knitting which will be tried at a different time of year. The next activity offered is the wrestling camp for 5th through 8th graders instructed by Cort Mitchell. Kim stated that she had requested this activity be added to Maywood School's bulletin. Commissioner Price suggested sending an electronic version of the flyer to all the middle schools; Kim said she would do that.

4. Report on meeting with Elementary School District Superintendent Stephen Kelish.

Kim reported that she had a great meeting with Stephen Kelish and Steve Kimbrough that included a variety of discussion topics and a tour of Maywood Middle School. Kim encouraged the Commissioners to visit the school if they haven't done so yet. She stated that they have made improvements including a new gymnasium, a themed cafeteria, library improvements, smart classrooms, and language barrier classes. She stated Steve Kelish is an asset to the Recreation Department and an activist for youth recreation. Kim informed the Commission that Steve Kelish emphasized his continuing support for the Recreation Department.

Among other topics discussed at the meeting, was Mr. Kelish's particular interest in the Theatre with discussion of a possible Joint Use Agreement for the use of the Theatre between the City and the Elementary School District. Kim stated this was just at the talking stage now, however it is a foot in the right direction. Commissioner Lauderdale then updated the Commission on the Theatre's progress.

5. Update on Purchase of New Woodson Park Playground Equipment and New Fountains for City Parks.

This item was postponed until next meeting when Assistant Public Works Director Carl Crain will be present to update the Commission on the installation progress.

Commissioner Boles asked that the Commission not turn community members away if they have ideas for the Recreation Commission. The Commissioners agreed to welcome patrons to the meetings with their ideas.

Commissioner Johnson asked Recreation Supervisor Kim Beck if she had received a copy of the City's Standard Operating Practice (SOP) or Employee Handbook. Kim stated she had received a Personnel Rules and Regulations pamphlet. Commissioner Johnson requested this topic be discussed with Carl Crain and Steve Kimbrough.

Audience member Harry Zemansky asked about the various programs operated by the Recreation Department.

E. **ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR:** None.

F. **ADJOURNMENT!** 7:49 p.m.

Kimberly Beck, Recreation Supervisor