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# Stonington Recreation Commission
# Regular Meeting
# Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM
# Human Services Community Room

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley and Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak
Commissioners Joe Ciriello, Jennifer Norcross & Beth Quesnel
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward
Absent: Commissioner Larry Theadore

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I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission
Chair Crowley called the meeting to order at 6pm.

II. Secretary's Report
A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quesnel, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Election of Officers
a. A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to elect C. Michael Crowley Recreation Commission Chair. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved.
b. A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to elect Frank Prachniak Recreation Commission Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello, all in favor, motion approved.

IV. Budget Report

a. General Fund
b. Special Activity

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to approve the budget report. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved.

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V. Communications

VI. Programming

Winter Programs

a. Senior Exercise & Zumba Fitness
b. Co-Ed Volleyball League
c. Men's Open Gym Basketball
d. High School Basketball League
e. Futsal – Indoor Soccer clinics
f. Lacrosse Clinic

Spring Plans

Recreation Administrator Ward stated he is working around 4 different goals:

1. Improving recreation processing
2. Would like to double or triple adult programs
3. Would like to have 100% of the kids in Town participating in a recreation program
4. Parks & facilities upkeep

Commissioner Quesnel stated she would like to see Fun Runs brought back.

VII. Recreation Administrator's Report

VIII. Chairman's Comments

Chair Crowley reviewed the status of the fields / recreation complex

- Field behind Human Services still with lawyers
- Field by west pavilion being prepared as open field
- He has asked Barbara McKrell to fix the softball infield
- Would like to see the parking lot by the softball field & tennis courts expanded
- Outside basketball court all set, need to get railing installed so that cars can't get through
- Would like to look into walking trails, by pavilion as well as other areas of town, such as Barn Island.
- Discussed additional equipment for Haley's Way Playground.

Administrator Ward stated that he would like to form a subcommittee to review athletic facility improvements. Commissioner Ciriello volunteered.

Discussion regarding Summer Playground Counselor positions

- Chair Crowley believes that every person that applies should get an interview
- Commissioner Quesnel believes there should be Commission members on the interview panel

IX. Other Business

Commissioner Ciriello asked if there is a plan in place when injuries occur at a program. Administrator Ward stated that Incident Reports are completed.

Discussion regarding field usage fees

- Administrator Ward stated that his understanding is that the plan of charging youth organizations a fee to use the fields has been tabled by the Selectmen; the Selectmen are looking for information from the youth organizations regarding how much of a hardship would occur, however info has not been provided as of yet. Current field usage applications contain a clause regarding a possible fee; he is hoping to get a final decision soon.
- Commissioner Ciriello asked what should be done as a Commission.
- Chair Crowley stated it is now in the hands of the Board of Selectmen, and that Selectman Simmons said the Board is still waiting on info back from youth organizations.
- Commissioner Ciriello stated that the Board of Finance was in support of the bond for the athletic field because there was an understanding that there would be some revenue generated from fees to assist with the cost of maintaining the field.

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quesnel, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman