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**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Human Services Community Meeting Room**

Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Chairman C. Michael Crowley and Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak  
Commissioners Joe McKernan, Jennifer Norcross, Joe Ciriello & Larry Theodore  
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward  
Stonington Community Center Representative Kelsey Haack  
Civic Student

**Absent:** Human Services Director Leanne Theodore

Chairman Michael Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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**I. Public's Opportunity to Address the Commission**

**II. Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Prachniak to approve the February 22, 2016 Secretary's Report with minor corrections. Motion seconded by Chairman Crowley, all in favor, motion approved.

**III. Budget Reports – Month Ending February 2016**

- a. General Fund -10173
- b. Special Activity -21100

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve the budget report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theodore, all in favor, motion approved.

**IV. Recreation Administrator's Report**

- a. Winter Program Update
- b. Spring Plans: Brochure Preview
- c. Vision 2020
- d. Field Usage Fee – Selectman's Meeting

Mr. Ward noted that utilities budget is \$3000 and the department has already spent \$2600.

Chairman Crowley and Vice Chair Prachniak want to show actual figures for the expenses of the department in order to show the exact needs for each line item in the budget.

A wrap up of Winter Programs show close to 500 participants once the Como Basketball Program numbers are included. The Zumba/Baby Boomers exercise program did better than last month but not as well as Mr. Ward had hoped.

New programs for the spring are the Hike Stonington program and Spring PowderPuff. The Hike Stonington program has almost 80 registered participants. Softball is shaping up to 6 teams, up from 4 teams last spring. Coed Softball has 4 teams. Soccer already has 6 teams and there may be more. Summer Camp already has 81 full day participants signed up.

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Vision 2020 tabled to April.

Field Usage Fees is going in front of the board of Selectmen at the April 13, 2016 meeting. Chairman Crowley asked Mr. Ward to check with Jim Sullivan, Director of Finance to see how the line item in the budget should be set up. Any profit should go into a specific account to pay for the fields. The Commission would like to remit a sum to the Town at the end of each fiscal year.

**V. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Crowley included his Chairman's Report within the Facilities Ad-hoc Committee discussion (see below).

**VI. Facilities Ad-hoc Committee**

Chairman Crowley had four points to discuss with the Commission about the Facilities Ad-hoc Committee. First, the school is going to clean up all areas previously discussed including removing the truck trailer. Second, the school is sharing the expense for the wind screens at the tennis court. It will cost \$3500 to replace all the wind screens. They will be taken down in the winter and stored in the shed. Third, the Committee is looking to possibly put in a volley ball court in the area of West Pavilion. Chairman Crowley asked the Commission to think about whether they will leave the tar for the court or tear out the tar and install a sand court. There is also talk of installing horseshoe pits. Fourth, Chairman Crowley informed the Commission that in the event that the Board of Selectmen approves a dog park, the Recreation Commission will oversee the dog park. Mr. Ward hopes that any issues with the dog park are resolved before the dog park is handed to the Recreation Commission. A Stonington Dog Park Committee will be created to make recommendations to the Recreation Commission about the dog park.

The dedication of the tennis courts to Mr. Crouse will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Theodore at 7:04 pm. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Note: Next month's meeting Monday, April 25, 2016.**

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman