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Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00PM
Human Service Community Meeting Room

MEETING MINUTES

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

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

I. **Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission**

II. **Secretary's Report**
A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve the April 27, 2015 Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quesnel, all in favor, motion approved.

III. **Budget Report – Month ending April 2015**
General Fund
Special Activity
A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to approve the Budget Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Norcross, all in favor, motion approved.

IV. **Recreation Administrator's Report**
Spring Programs
a. **Boating Safety Course**
b. **Fencing**
c. **Karate**
d. **HIKE Stonington**
e. **Family Fun Runs**
f. **Senior Exercise & Zumba Fitness**
g. **High School Hoops – Open Gym**
h. **Middle School Girls Clinic**
i. **Adult Sports Leagues**

Summer – plans
a. **Trip – Yankee/Red Sox**
b. **Summer Playground Staffing**
c. **Sports Camps – UK Soccer, HS Soccer Clinics, Track & Field,**

Recreation Administrator Ward highlights the second Boating Safety Course is almost full. The Baby Boomers program is negative but he believes it will break even. Chairman Crowley suggests advertising at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to increase participation levels. Zumba Fitness rental costs cause the program to be in the red. Chairman Crowley concerned with low numbers. Girl's basketball, soccer league, men's softball, coed softball and coed tennis are all looking good according to Mr. Ward. Discussion about the golf league's location is still in the works.

Summer plans – Aug 6th Yankees/Red Sox trip has 11 tickets sold so far. Break-even point is at 45 tickets. According to Mr. Ward, summer playground staffing appears to be very promising. Summer playground will be fully staffed with 12 full day staff members and 10 half day staff members for a total of 15-20 staff members on hand per day and junior counselors. The number of participants in summer playground is not at the maximum but on target. There was some discussion regarding security during summer playground, emergency plan protocol, restrooms, and garbage disposal issues.

June 1st starts sign-ups for girl's lacrosse and track & field (ages elementary to middle school).

V. **Chairman's Report**

VI. **Old Business**

a. Facilities ad-hoc committee

The Commission agreed that the ad-hoc committee meeting will take place Tuesday, June 16th at 4 PM. The ad-hoc committee will identify projects such as security cameras (near the bathrooms), lighting, making the cross country trail more passable, etc.

Chairman Crowley proposed to advertise exercise equipment. Commissioner Ciriello suggests additional signage or site maps to direct the public to various public spots, i.e. equipment, courts, playground, additional parking, etc. Chairman Crowley also suggests incorporating the exercise equipment with a program, for example a walking club or the senior fitness program. Some discussion was made about possibly shifting the senior fitness and/or zumba outdoors at the pavilions during warm weather to save money on rental fees. NO ACTION TAKEN.

b. **Emergency procedures**

The written EMERGENCY PLAN for site supervisors, instructors, and coaches was presented to Commission Members for review. Each program has a binder of participant's emergency contacts, etc. along with a first aid kit. NO ACTION TAKEN.

VII. **New Business**

VIII. **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quesnel, all in favor, motion approved.

Next REC Commission meeting date: Monday, June 29 6:00 PM