

Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
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: Larry Theadore

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Chairman Crowley also made a change to the agenda order due to the fact that Recreation Administrator Richard Ward was expected to be late to the meeting.

**I. Old Business**

**a. Field Usage Fees**

There was much discussion about field usage fees. Commissioner Ciriello suggests possibly implementing a "Pilot Program" in order to see how much revenue field usage fees would generate and get an idea on how best to structure fees. Mr. Ward suggested asking those who use the field to sponsor and run a summer clinic and off-season program to help raise money for field maintenance expenses. Plans were made to review the original package that was previously drawn up regarding field usage fees and to revisit this issue at the September 2015 meeting. NO ACTION.

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

**III. Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak to approve the May 26, 2015 Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beth Quesnel, motion approved.

**IV. Budget Report – Month Ending May 2015**

General Fund  
Special Activity

**V. Recreation Administrator's Report**

Spring Program Wrap-up

Summer Program Update

- a. Trip – Yankee/Red Sox
- b. Summer Playground
- c. Family Movie Nights
- d. Sports Camps – UK Soccer, MS & HS Soccer Clinics, Track & Field, Girls LAX, Summer B-Ball
- e. Adult Leagues: Men's Softball, Co-ed Softball, Tennis

Mr. Ward reported that the boating safety course was great. The Baby-boomers/Adult Fitness Zumba will run at a loss of approximately \$2000. Mr. Ward plans to restructure

both of those programs. The Red Sox/Yankees trip scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> has 12 participants so far. Summer playground is at capacity. Soccer wrapped up a fantastic season, men's softball was great and the coed softball and tennis are doing great. The UK soccer is running at the end of July. Women's basketball has 6 teams. NO ACTION.

**VI. Chairman's Report**

According to Chairman Crowley the situation with the field is still under review with the lawyers. He was informed that all the other fields are fine per Barbara McKrell. Chairman Crowley also reports the First Selectman is interested in using an organic fertilizer possibly on one field. This is an ongoing discussion. NO ACTION.

**VII. Facilities Ad-hoc Committee**

Per Commissioner Ciriello, the Facilities Ad-hoc Committee discussed the following:

- a. Prime Electric is looking into the lights on the softball field.
- b. They are also looking into installing a security camera above the bathrooms to help with vandalism. Possibly install a camera that can capture 180 degrees and another camera on the dugout. Both cameras would be able to beam a signal to a server which could maintain up to six months of taping.
- c. Possibly putting the lights on a timer or Prime Electric suggested a button system instead in order to turn the field lights on and off.

Mr. Ward stated that the summer help has been painting and doing other projects on the grounds.

The next Facilities Ad-hoc Meeting is July 21 at 4 PM.

NO ACTION.

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello, all in favor, motion approved.

**Next REC Commission meeting date: Monday, September 28, 2015**

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman