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Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Community Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley
Commissioners Jennifer Norcross, Joe Ciriello, Larry Theodore & Jeff Moore
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward
Stonington Community Center Representative Kelsey Haack

Absent: Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak
Commissioner Joe McKernan

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Chairman Michael Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

I. Public's Opportunity to Address the Commission

II. Secretary's Report – Approval of minutes from September, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to approve the September 26, 2016 Secretary's Report as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theodore, all in favor, motion approved.

III. 2017 Commission Meeting Calendar – Approval of dates

Chairman Crowley asked Mr. Ward to check the bylaws to make sure there is no conflict in changing the Recreation Commission meetings to the 4th Monday of the month instead of the last Monday of the month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to change the Recreation Commissions meeting dates to the 4th Monday of the month (no meetings in the months of July, August and December) as long as there is no conflict with the bylaws. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, all in favor, motion approved.

IV. Finance Reports – Month Ending September 2016

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

The Special Activity -21100 is slightly above pace compared to last year. The figures do not include fall activities. The large expense figure of $44,194.39 under Summer Playground Program is due to the extra weeks of camp, staffing, equipment, field trips, etc. Mr. Ward stated that they will catch up in February/March. Commissioner Ciriello suggested that Mr. Ward possibly add a line for the Recreation Fund Cash Balance from the previous month in addition to the current month's balance on the Recreation Activity Fund report.

Mr. Ward stated that that they are on target with the General Fund – 10173 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to approve the general fund month ending September 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Norcross, all in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Theodore to approve the special activity month ending September 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Norcross, all in favor, motion approved.

V. Recreation Administrator's Report

a. Final Report Summer 2016

b. Fall and Winter programs ahead

Mr. Ward submitted a Summer Program report to the Board of Selectmen. There was an increase in pavilion rentals. They broke even with the Red Sox/ Yankees trip. Hike Stonington had 210 registered participants. Mr. Ward is open to suggestions to keeping the Hike Stonington momentum going. There was a good response for Family Movie Nights which drew in 1700 people over all, with only 1 rainout. There were 350 participants for adult leagues. The adult league fees range from $250-$1000 per team. Recreation made $2200 above direct costs with the adult leagues. The Summer Sports Camps and Summer Camp served over 2600 people. Summer is Recreations busiest quarter which was up 20% from last year. Mr. Ward believed this is a direct result of running the sports camps. The Selectmen were very pleased with Mr. Ward's report. Chairman Crowley commended Mr. Ward for a job well done.

Chairman Crowley stated that the Commission would like to see the end results of each program. Mr. Ward is looking to give the Commission a program breakdown on a quarterly basis since most programs run winter, spring, summer and fall.

Mr. Ward gave an update on the Fall and Winter Programs. They are looking to add a Patriots/Jets trip on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The safe boating courses are filling up. They are gearing up for the high school recreation leagues starting the first week of November. There are 16 teams for flag football. Flag Football is using the softball field for practice, games are on the turf field. Chairman Crowley noted that as long as the fields are not being overused and Public Works can manage the upkeep then he encourages the use of all the fields as necessary.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Crowley informed the Commission that the Dog Park is not up and running yet. Selectman Simmons is working on the issues.

VII. Facilities ad-hoc committee

Chairman Crowley would like to check with the Wetlands Commission to get permission to mow the field. The next Ad-hoc meeting is November 1st.

VIII. Old Business

The new windscreens at the tennis courts need to be taken down. Chairman Crowley asked Mr. Ward to make that happen before they get damaged.

IX. New Business

Chairman Crowley asked Commissioner Norcross and Commissioner Moore to get information from Mr. King or Mr. Mitchell in regard to the softball scoreboard. Chairman Crowley would like to see it installed this fall rather than waiting for spring.

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Theodore at 6:43pm. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Note: Next Regular Monthly meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman