

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM
SPS District Office – Board Room
40 Field Street, Pawcatuck**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley
Commissioners Joe McKernan, Jennifer Norcross, Larry Theadore, Jeff Moore & Stephanie Hartell
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward

Absent: Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

None.

III. Secretary's Report

a. Approval of minutes from September 2022 Commission meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Norcross to approve the Regular Meeting, September 26, 2022 Stonington Recreation Commission Secretary's Report as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, all in favor, motion approved.

IV. Recreation Administrator's Report

Fall Programming Update

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that this weekend is the last weekend of the flag football regular season. They will be starting playoffs and championships. This past Thursday was the grand opening of disc golf. Mr. Ward thanked everyone who attended. He noted that there is an app to track the number of players and he will report the numbers to the Commission.

Mr. Ward noted that the COMO/Rec basketball numbers are a little low. All the other programs are doing well and Hike Stonington had over two-hundred people participate.

V. Finance Reports

a. General Fund -10173

Mr. Ward stated that the utility bill will be lower than usual since they have not used the lights as much.

b. Special Activity -21100

According to Mr. Ward, the revenue in the Special Activity Fund 21100 is \$38,432 and the expense is \$105,705. The expense for summer playground is \$53,545. Mr. Ward noted that they did not run field trips and he did not receive any complaints about not having them. He will take a poll on whether or not to bring back field trips. He will also have to address how to do field trips with the restructured camp program (weekly registrations). Mr. Ward stated that the expenses are around what they usually spend. He also noted that the tennis revenue is up a bit.

c. Disc Golf Fund -21102

Mr. Ward noted that the revenue was adjusted slightly from what was presented at the last meeting. Total revenue is \$19,454 and total expense is \$9,553. Once everything is in place, they will run instructional programs and tournaments that will generate revenue. They will also generate revenue from the tee sponsors. Expenses will be minimal going forward due to the course being low maintenance. The more people that use the course, the less need to maintain the area. If they add to the course, they will fundraise for it. So far, there has been a very positive response with disc golf.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to accept the Finance Reports as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKernan, all in favor, motion approved.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Crowley stated that the boathouse project is moving along slowly. The goal is to open the park up next fall. They are still working on getting the permitting and raising money. There is a new design with a loop so vehicles can pull in and unload. This project is still ongoing.

VII. Facilities Ad-hoc Committee Report

None.

VIII. Old Business

a. Update: Tennis Court Construction

Mr. Ward stated that they will be making a decision later this week if they can do the cement surfacing or if they have to wait until the spring. The temperature needs to be warm enough to do the surface. If they have to wait until spring, they can paint the lines for practice purposes. Mr. Ward stated the costs are on target from the bid. They will be putting the light bases in first, which will cost a little more. Mr. Ward noted that they hit a wire during construction, no one was hurt and Eversource fixed it but the wire may need to be rerouted in the future.

b. Update: Moss Park Connector

Mr. Ward provided the Recreation Commissioners with the survey plan and maps showing the proposed easement. This process is progressing and the survey will be brought to the lawyers. Then it will be brought to the Recreation Commission for approval.

Commissioner McKernan noted that he hiked McCoy Trail and he commented that marking along the trail would be beneficial in case of an emergency so that hikers can relay an accurate location to first responders.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Moore at 6:39 P.M. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKernan, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Notes: Next monthly meeting is November 28 at District Offices

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman