



Parks & Recreation

Meeting Minutes - Facilities Ad hoc Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Stonington Human Services

Members Present: Mike Crowley, Frank Prachniack, Jr., Joseph Ciriello

Recreation Administrator: Richard Ward

Rec Program Coordinator: Pete Christina

Absent: Joseph McKernan, Jr.

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM

1. Review/Update of completed projects from 2017

R. Ward gave an overview of the completed projects: Bathrooms at Spellman Park; Resurfacing of Tennis courts; Painting Pavilions; Installation of new sheds for program equipment storage; Installation of Batting cages; Installation of Softball Scoreboard (school project); Addition to security Cameras in Spellman Park; Windscreens for Tennis Courts.

Consensus among the group was that it was a good year's work. Discussion on the Security Cameras had M. Crowley asking about the school's coverage/reach and if cameras are needed for the new storage shed and Multipurpose field directly behind the Human Services office. R. Ward will reach out to the High School and check on their coverage along Spellman Drive – it was reported that the Police Station has a camera on the intersection out front and it captures the front half HS offices.

2. New Projects / Priorities for 2018

Review of the attached listing of projects and a refocus and setting of priorities for the year ahead. No projects were removed – 3 new projects were added.

CIRMA Audit project – on target to be completed this spring. Costs on the project covered by the Town's CIP budget - \$25,000 approved this year, \$20,000 for next budget year.

Fire pits in Spellman Park – Suggested to go forward without the support from community group. R. Ward will work with F.D. on setting usage policies

Playground structure at Haley Park – discussion on replacing the large slide that was removed this past summer due to wear. R. Ward will price a standalone unit and a unit adding to the existing playground.

New Projects / Priorities for 2018 (cont.)

Parking Lot Area – M. Crowley will follow up with PW regarding the funding that still might be available from the field project bond. Consensus from the group was that additional parking is needed.

Replacing the Scoreboard at Piver Field – M. Crowley asked if parts can still be purchased. R. Ward will get an updated estimate on replacing (bid of \$7,500 was received in 2015)

Covering/Removal of old Softball Scoreboard – consensus from the group would be to cover it with a "Welcome to Stonington" sign. R. Ward will secure costs.

License Plate Recognition Camera – R. Ward presented the group with an estimate for a new camera that is designed specifically to capture car plates at night (total \$2418.16). Group felt it was more than what was needed at this point.

Master Plan for Spellman Park – consensus from the group was that this was too costly. F. Prachniack suggested that we do a survey of current users to get feedback and suggestions on projects and future needs.

Splashpad System in Spellman Park – Discussion on similar facilities in the region and centered on where it could possibly be placed. Consensus from the group was that it is a worthy project. R. Ward will explore the infrastructure needed and the year to year maintenance costs.

Exercise Equipment in Borough Playground – R. Ward reported that the SVIA has brought this project forward again and that he will have a presentation at the January Commission Meeting asking for action. The project will add some exercise equipment to the park and will be funded by the Stonington Village Improvement Association.

Move/Remove light poles out from tennis courts – consensus from the group is that cost would be too high.

Pavilion Area Upgrades – group would like to get this done this year! – horseshoe pits / shuffle board courts / basketball court and volleyball court with nets, etc.

Timer for lights on tennis and basketball courts – M. Crowley asked for an updated estimate on the scope of work.

Added projects: Tarp for Softball infield – roof work on the pavilions – replacing the porta-johns at the borough playground.

Discussion on the full list of the projects and their priority. R. Ward will secure estimated costs on the projects and at that time will bring them to the full Commission for their feedback and suggestions going forward.

Meeting adjourned 5:27PM

Respectfully Submitted

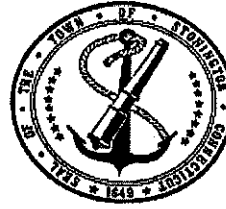


Richard Ward, Recreation Administrator

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Stonington Recreation Commission
Ad Hoc Committee



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Project Name	Priority	Notes:	Estimated costs
CIRMA Audit	1	* need to set a 6' boundary - round playground equipment. PW has it listed within CIP and will be completed spring 2018	
Fix Fire pits in Spellman Park	1	* Fix 5/6 fire pits - establish policies with feedback from F.D.	
New Slide or playground unit to replace at Haley Park	1	* explore free standing unit in the same place of old slide VS adding to the existing	
Parking Lot Area	1	* Funded by the field project bond - working to Public Works to expand on parking between tennis & Bball courts	
Replace soccer Scoreboard at Piver Field	1	co-op with school - received bid from Nevco - \$7500 plus installation	
Exercise Equipment In boro playground	1	** Funded by the Stonington Village Improvement - bring to Commission in Jan 2018	
Pavilion area Upgrades	1	* Horseshoe pits / shuffle board court / basketball / volleyball on the West Side	
Batting Cages shed and power	2	Eval usage and install if need merits - Apply for MLB grant for the work - co-op with PLL & School	
Covering or removal of old softball scoreboard	2	Price out removal or explore covering it with a sign "Welcome to Stonington - Home of the Bears!" - Can parts be purchased for this unit?	
Master Plan for Spellman Park	2	Explore costs with potential organizations - poll individuals that use the park for feedback and suggestions	
Splashpad system in Spellman Park	2	explore costs and permits needed.	
Timer for lights	2	Received bid from Prime Electric to put a timer on the tennis courts and basketball courts - approx. \$5700 - update from SNS	
Tarp for the infield of the softball Dimond	2	explore costs - storage??	
Roofs / shingles for both pavilions	2	have contractor look at current condition	
Porto Johns for the Borough Playground	2	trailers or more permanent structure	
License plate recognition camera for Spellman Park	3	Quote from Wireless design group - \$2400	
Move light poles out from the tennis courts	3		