



Parks & Recreation

Meeting Minutes - Facilities Ad hoc Committee

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:00PM at Stonington Human Services

Present: Mike Crowley, Joseph McKernan, Jr., Joseph Ciriello, and Richard Ward

Absent: Frank Prachnlack, Jr.

Meeting was called to order at 4:06PM

1. Approval of Minutes from 11.1.16 meeting

Motion was made by member J. McKernan to approve the November 1, 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by member M. Crowley, all in favor, motion approved

2. CIRMA Playground Audit – CIP Grant

R. Ward reported that the CIP grant remained in place through the initial stages of the budget process as submitted (total \$45,000). The Finance Budget deliberations are scheduled for the last week of March. Some discussion among the group about what is covered and if cuts are anticipated. No action taken

3. Update on Facilities

- Tennis Courts

The company that gave a cost estimate –and gained approval of the full Rec Commission to go forward- made a mistake in their totals. After discussion the Ad Hoc Committee feels that the project should “go to bid”. R Ward will start the process with the Finance Department and will report any updates at the next Commission meeting scheduled for March 27. The windscreens will go back up on the courts with the next week or so.

- Softball scoreboard

The grid work was currently being worked on and the cement for the foundation was scheduled to be poured by the end of this week.

- Batting Cages at Spellman Park

R. Ward reported to the group that we did not receive the anticipated grant for new batting cages so the school, together with public works and recreation are sharing the cost of a single cage. Public works will provide the labor while Rec will cover the foundation costs. The school department will pay for the cost of the actual cage. Discussion on where to place the cage. M. Crowley, J. McKernan and R Ward will meet and walk the grounds to find where it would best work for Recreation.

- Spellman Park

A group approached Recreation about improvement projects that might need financial support. R Ward will work on a “wish list” of things that could use support around Spellman Park. I.E. painting the pavilions, fixing the fire pits, etc.

4. New Projects

No new projects were identified at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Ward, Recreation Administrator