

Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM  
Human Services Community Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley & Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak  
Commissioners Joe McKernan, Jennifer Norcross, Larry Theadore, Jeff Moore & Joe Ciriello  
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward  
Recreation Program Coordinator Pete Christina  
Director of Human Services Leanne Theodore

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

**I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission**

None.

**II. Secretary's Report**

a. Approval of minutes from March 25<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to approve the March 25, 2019 Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jeff Moore, all in favor, motion approved.

**III. Finance Reports**

a. General Fund -- 10173

According to Mr. Ward, The General Fund -- 10173 account is on target

b. Special Activity -- 21100

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that the Special Activity -- 21100 account is about the same as they were last April. The Summer Playground fund is down approximately \$26,000; however, Mr. Ward feels that expected registrations will bring the fund up to usual numbers and he does not have any concerns.

On the expense side, Mr. Ward notes that a 50% deposit for the playground equipment has been paid but was also pleased to inform the Commission that over the past 4 years, \$119,000 has been spent on infrastructure (such as playground equipment, tennis courts and security cameras) not through taxpayer dollars but Human Services -- Recreation Division monies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Theodore to accept the finance reports as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKernan, all in favor, motion approved.

#### **IV. Recreation Administrator's Report**

a. Spring/Summer Program Report: The new Adult Flag Football program is doing well with 4 teams this year. The Pick-Up Flag Football program is picking up, all programs seem to be on target. The next focus will be on the Summer Camp line up.

#### **V. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Crowley reports that the Boathouse project has no activity.

The horseshoe pit project is complete and Chairman Crowley is pleased with the results.

#### **VI. Facilities Ad-hoc Committee Report**

a. Volleyball Nets.

Mr. Ward presented two quotes for Volleyball nets. Anthem Sports quotes \$1920.97 and JayPro has quoted \$1759.00. Discussion regarding the 2 proposals centered around the padding. The Anthem proposal incorporates padding that is retrofitted to the uprights while the JayPro net is a removable padding. Chairman Crowley questions if the Anthem padding could be changed out if it were to be damaged or worn. Mr. Ward states that both nets carry a 2-yr warranty and will contact Anthem Sports to obtain more information on the padding, but leans towards the First Team Anthem Sports quoted system. As an added feature the Anthem Sports net system will allow free pad lettering. All members were in agreement with Mr. Ward.

#### **VII. Old Business**

a. Borough Playground Update

According to Mr. Ward the woodchip removal started today and the equipment vendor is due onsite tomorrow to begin installation of the new units. The project is on target and should be ready in a couple weeks, weather permitting. Questions were raised whether the old woodchips could be utilized and through conversation it was decided that the old chips would be a good sub-base to the new chips. Mr. Ward would like to have an Open House upon completion which he expects to be in mid-May.

b. Spellman Trails

The newly acquired parcel of land adjacent to Spellman Park will be placed under the Recreation Division to oversee use of the park and trails. Some of the current trails on the property are in good shape but all would benefit from trail maintenance. Mr. Ward will reach out to Candy Palmer, Town of Stonington Inland Wetland Officer to discuss the creation of water crossings on existing trails.

#### **VIII. New Business**

a. West Broad Street School Playground

All members felt that the playground could be available to the public during the interim of the school being transferred from the Board of Education to the Town. Mr. Ward was of the opinion that CIRMA, the Town's insurer would be looking into the proper coverage should that occur. Mr. Ward also suggested that signage denoting a dawn to dusk policy would be beneficial. Dependent on the outcome of the transfer of the building, if the Playground were to be designated to be overseen by Human Services - Recreation Division, long term updates such as replacing the woodchips should be discussed.

#### **IX. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ciriello at 6:45 PM. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theodore. all in favor. motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Notes:

Next regular monthly meeting will be May 20, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

  
C. Michael Crowley, Chairman