

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:00 PM  
Human Services Community Meeting Room**

Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Chairman C. Michael Crowley & Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak  
Commissioners Jennifer Norcross, Larry Theadore, & Joe Ciriello  
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward  
Recreation Program Coordinator Pete Christina

**Absent:** Commissioners Joe McKernan & Jeff Moore

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

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

None.

**II. Secretary's Report**

**a. Approval of minutes from March 2018 Commission meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to approve the March 26, 2018 Stonington Recreation Commission Secretary's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Norcross, all in favor, motion approved.

**III. Finance Reports – Month Ending March 2018**

**a. General Fund -10173**

**b. Special Activity -21100**

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that the Special Activity 21100 account's revenue is \$127,773 compared to \$93,000 this time last year. That is a 37% increase. In 2016, the revenue was \$77,000, so the figure has almost doubled in two years. Mr. Ward attributed the increase in revenue to all the new programming and also addition of the indoor programs. Recreation has been very busy. Mr. Ward noted revenue for Summer Playground has increased from last year and the basketball and flag football programs have grown.

The General Fund 10173 is on target according to Mr. Ward. He did note they are \$571 over in Program Expenses line item. Mr. Ward remarked they may come in under budget in the utilities line item and will return the unused portion to the Town. He is unsure of the reason for this since it was necessary to increase the budget for this line item the previous year. The Recreation Commission would like to have Ever Source conduct an energy audit to check on the efficiency of the lighting at the fields.

A motion was made by Commissioner Theadore to accept the finance reports as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved.

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

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that 560 individuals were served over this last winter. This is a 15% increase. Mr. Ward intends to email the Recreation Commissioners the Winter Report and program breakdown by the end of the week.

Mr. Ward stated that tennis and fencing will be starting soon, the spring flyer is out and a spring basketball clinic will also be running. Everything looks to be on target. Mr. Ward is looking to add an adult flag football league in the fall.

Mr. Ward concluded with announcing that the Zumba instructor will be leaving the end of June.

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

Chairman Crowley gave the Recreation Commission an update on the Boathouse project. He also stated that the grates need to be installed on the firepits and the rules and regulations need to be posted. Reservations for the pavilions will begin Memorial Day weekend. According to Chairman Crowley, Barbara McKrell wants to replace the roof on the west pavilion. The east pavilion's roof needs some work as well. They will be moving forward on this project soon. Mr. Crowley also updated the Recreation Commission about the tarp for the softball infield. They are looking into having five smaller tarps to cover home plate, the pitchers mound and the three bases. It will be more functional than one large tarp. The tarps will fold up and can be placed on a cart for easy installation and removal. There was also discussion about running electricity for the pitching machine and discussion about installing a shed.

#### **VI. Facilities ad-hoc committee**

##### **a. Approval of minutes from April 3<sup>rd</sup> Ad-hoc meeting**

Commissioner Norcross pointed out a minor correction under item 2. Update on Facilities, Tennis Courts. The word "effecting" should be changed to "affecting."

A motion was made by Commissioner Theadore to approve the April 3, 2018 Ad-hoc Committee minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved.

##### **b. Update on projects**

Mr. Ward briefly went over the discussion points from the Facilities Ad-hoc Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Recreation Commissioners.

Mr. Ward will post on the website when work begins on installing the fitness equipment at the Borough Playground, however, he does not anticipate significant closings during this project.

Chairman Crowley noted that the placement for the horseshoe and shuffle board courts has not been determined. He would also like to remove the tar at the basketball court by the pavilion and replace it with sand for a volleyball court.

It was mentioned that there is a new crack on the basketball court that will need to be monitored.

The next Ad-hoc Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 26 at 10 am.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Theadore at 6:45 P.M. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Notes:**

Next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018 – earlier in the month due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
C. Michael Crowley, Chairman