

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Community Meeting Room**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley & Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak
Commissioners Jennifer Norcross & Jeff Moore
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward

Absent: Commissioners Larry Theadore, Joe Ciriello & Joe McKernan
Recreation Program Coordinator Pete Christina

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

Note: Commissioner Jeff Moore attended this meeting via speaker phone.

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission
None.

II. Secretary's Report

a. Approval of minutes from April 2018 Commission meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Norcross to approve the April 23, 2018 Stonington Recreation Commission Secretary's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Finance Reports – Month Ending April 2018

a. General Fund -10173

b. Special Activity -21100

According to Mr. Ward, the Special Activity account has seen a growth of 32% compared to this time last year and a 42% growth in the last two years. He noted that the soccer revenue is down but the basketball programs are doing well. Mr. Ward informed the Commission that they have invested approximately \$41,000 back into the facilities.

Mr. Ward stated that \$571.83 was approved by Finance to be moved into the program expense line item from the salary for the Recreation Coordinator due to the fact that the salary was budgeted for a full year and the position was not filled at the beginning of the fiscal year. Also, as of April, the utilities line item is under budget by approximately \$2,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norcross 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 updated the Commission in regard to the number of participants in the spring programs. He noted that the Hike Stonington program had 92 participants which brings the total over the last five years to about 500 participants. There are already 77 participants enrolled in flag football and he expects there will be around 200 participants in the program. There are 25 seats sold for the Red Sox / Yankees trip which has secured a pick-up in Stonington. Mr. Ward also stated that there are 130 children registered for the Summer Camp program and he believes that they will fill all 150 spots. He also added that in the Middle School camp, six of the eight weeks are sold out. There are 22 children registered so far for the Middle School camp. According to Mr. Ward, all is looking positive.

V. Chairman's Report

According to Chairman Crowley, the firepits are complete and public works has done a fantastic job at clearing the trees and cleaning the area by the pavilions. He also noted that there is about \$33-35,000 left in the bond money and that they will be using this to extend the parking area by the tennis courts.

Mr. Ward will be working with public works to mark out the ADA walkway and the boundaries at the playground. This is part of the CIP project.

Chairman Crowley also updated the Commission about the tarps for the softball infield. They are ordering five 20' x 20' square tarps which will cover home plate, the pitchers mound and the three bases. These tarps are easy to fold up and move. The tarps have grommets and can be staked down and also weighted down using sandbags.

Chairman Crowley commended public works for their tremendous job in keeping the fields up and running and assisting this Commission with any projects that need to be done.

VI. Facilities ad-hoc committee

At the next Ad-hoc meeting they will plan on discussing installing a shed that will hold all the equipment for the new volley ball court, the horseshoe pits and the shuffleboard court.

VII. Old Business

There was some discussion about removing the old basketball court and putting in two horseshoe pits, a shuffleboard court and a sand volleyball court within the next three weeks.

The Fire Department has set regulations for the grills. Mr. Ward will be posting these regulations and also add them to the pavilion rental permission form.

Mr. Ward noted that they are hoping the cracks in the tennis courts and the basketball courts will close as the weather gets warmer. He will keep an eye on them. Chairman Crowley stresses that these courts need to be maintained.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Ward informed the Commission that it will cost approximately \$800 to create a sign to cover the old softball scoreboard. Mr. Ward presented the Commission with two options. The Stonington High School Civic students in attendance unanimously chose the design with the bear and words "Stonington Bears." Mr. Ward also informed the Commission that it will cost approximately \$7400 to purchase and install a six-foot-tall permanent scoreboard for the soccer field. He will bring this item to the Ad-hoc Committee.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Norcross at 6:49 P.M. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Notes:

The last Rec Commission meeting for the season is scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018 – We break for July & August with regular monthly meetings starting again in September.

Respectfully Submitted,


C. Michael Crowley, Chairman