

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, November 26, 2018 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, Joe Ciriello & Jeff Moore  
Recreation Administrator Richard Ward  
Recreation Program Coordinator Pete Christina

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 Oct 2018 Commission meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve the October 22, 2018 Stonington Recreation Commission Secretary's Report as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, all in favor, motion approved.

**III. Finance Reports**

- a. General Fund -10173**
- b. Special Activity -21100**

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that, currently, the Recreation Fund Cash Balance is \$120,456.29.

Everything is on target in the General Fund 10173 account. The Utilities line item has been corrected to show the actual expended amount as \$1415.72.

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

**IV. Recreation Administrator's Report**

**a. 2018 PROGRAM REPORT**

Mr. Ward provided the Recreation Commission with a Program Report for the year 2018. This report shows each program, the number of registrants or number served, revenue, expense and the net profit or loss for each program. He further explained to the Recreation Commission that registrants are the actual bodies in the programs and the number served is the actual bodies

along with additional people served, for example, the number of people served in the pavilion rentals or field usage beyond Recreation's programming.

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that there has been a 100% growth in revenue since 2014. He further highlighted the following programs for the Recreation Commission. Mr. Ward noted that Adult Fitness runs at a negative. There are 41 participants in the program. He did note that Recreation will not be spending money on space rental fees due to the fact that fitness classes will now be held at Stonington Arms. The value in this program, according to Mr. Ward, is that it is serving a need for the community. There has been a jump in registrants in the Basketball Program. Flag Football continues to grow. Currently there is a net profit of about \$12,000 in the flag program, however, Mr. Ward still needs to pay the referee fees for outdoor flag football.

Mr. Ward noted that the Golf Classic was a tremendous success with 82 golfers and a net profit of over \$12,000. Commissioner McKernan also received positive feedback on this event. There are over 200 participants in the Soccer Program. The Track Program and Tennis Program are also growing. There was a net profit of \$336 for the Yankees/Red Sox Day Trip. Other programs, including the HIKE Stonington Program, Fencing, REC Multi-Blast, Bears Lax Pickup League, Safe Boating and Summer Cheer, Gymnastics & Dance Camp combined had a net profit of \$2,468. Under Rentals/Field Usage, Mr. Ward noted that the number served was 2,234.

Chairman Crowley and the Recreation Commissioners were extremely impressed with this Program Report and commended Mr. Ward for all his hard work and dedication in order to provide this breakdown of programs. It is helpful to see the expense and revenue for each program. As of November 7, 2018, there were 2981 registrants for all of Human Services. According to Mr. Ward, 2302 of the 2981 registrants were from Recreation.

**b. Vision 2020**

Mr. Ward provided the Recreation Commission with the Vision 2020 plan. He asked that each Commissioner review the following categories; Meet the Needs of the Community, Increase Senior & Adult Programs, 100% Youth Participation and Town Parks & Facilities. He then asked the Commissioners to come up with two ideas for each category. Mr. Ward gave the Commissioners some examples and gave them a deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup> to return the form to him with their feedback.

**V. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Crowley gave the recreation Commission a brief update on the Boathouse project. He noted that there will be a meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the high school. Chairman Crowley stated that developing a park on that site may be an issue. The design of the boathouse building is still a work in progress and there is limited parking.

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

According to Mr. Ward, the Ad-hoc Committee was inactive this past month.

**VII. Old Business**

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that he has had to reschedule the resurfacing of the basketball court twice due to weather. He has made a third date for them to come and complete this project. A temporary seal could be placed on the cracks, or, if necessary, the project could wait until spring.

Mr. Ward stated that the school has been notified that the wind screens at the tennis courts have to come down and be stored for the winter months. Chairman Crowley and the Recreation Commissioners want the wind screens taken down immediately so that they are not damaged. Mr. Ward will be working on this issue.

**a. Borough Playground Update**

Mr. Ward gave the Recreation Commissioners a packet with information and illustrations of the three options for the new playscape at the Borough Playground. There was some discussion on each of the options. There was further discussion about which option the Stonington Village Improvement Association preferred. Mr. Ward noted that Director of Human Services, Leanne Theodore may be able to inform the community that they will be accepting donations or sponsors to help off-set the costs of the playscape.

Mr. Ward asked that the Recreation Commission approve one of the three options so he may present it to the community. He noted that if he receives negative feedback at a public meeting or from the Stonington Village Improvement Association, then the Recreation Commission can revisit this item.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to approve the installation of Option A, constructed of black locust wood, at the Borough Playground. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theodore, all in favor, motion approved.

**VIII. New Business**

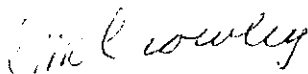
**IX. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Theodore at 7:29 P.M. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Notes: No December Meeting – Happy Holiday's**

**Next regular monthly meeting is January 28, 2019**

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman