

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Community Meeting Room**

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Richard Ward introduced and welcomed the new Recreation Program Coordinator Pete Christina. Members of the Commission introduced themselves to Mr. Christina.

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

None.

II. Secretary's Report

a. Approval of minutes from Oct 2017 Commission meeting

There was one correction to the list of Commissioners that were present at the October 23, 2017 Recreation Commission meeting. It should be noted that Commissioner Theadore was present at that meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve the Oct 23, 2017 Stonington Recreation Commission Secretary's Report with the noted correction. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Finance Reports – Month Ending October, 2017

a. General Fund -10173

b. Special Activity -21100

Mr. Ward informed the Commission that the 21100 account under Facilities Maintenance is now reflecting the tennis court repair expense as well as the expense for repainting the bathrooms. These expenses put Recreation in the negative for the end of the year, however, the overall revenue is looking good. The bathroom project was a little more involved than originally expected and cost around \$5,000 instead of \$3,500-\$4,000. Recreation is a little ahead of pace from last year. Soccer continues to be a strong program.

Regarding the General Fund, the Recreation Program Coordinator's salary was budgeted for a full year, however, the position was just filled. Mr. Ward suggested making the remaining money available to other line items since the money is already in the budget. Chairman Crowley would like

Mr. Ward to verify with Finance that the money can be moved to other lines before doing so. Mr. Ward will get on record with Finance and make a presentation to them about this matter.

Chairman Crowley also noted that it is reasonable to ask for more money in the budget if necessary. Everything else is on target.

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

IV. Recreation Administrator's Report
a. COMO Rec Basketball

Mr. Ward informed the Commission that Recreation will be taking full responsibility of the basketball program. Recreation will be responsible for administering, organizing and scheduling for the program. He asked the Commissioners to let him know if they hear anything, positive or negative, about the program. There will be a change to the program, they are hiring board certified officials. Mr. Ward noted that high school students will be able to keep score but not help officiate due to regulations. There will be 11 games which are played once a week on Saturday morning. The COMO will be able to provide space for practices but can not host any games due to ongoing renovations. All registrations for the program will go through Recreation and any registrations that went through the COMO will be turned over to Recreation.

b. Mystic Indoor Sports

Mr. Ward reported that there are 8 flag football teams in the 11-14 age group and 4 teams for the high school league. The Futsal program has also started. Mr. Ward stated that they are trying to start a soccer league at the beginning of the year.

V. Chairman's Report

Chairman Crowley thanked Commissioner Norcross for writing the minutes for the October Recreation meeting.

Chairman Crowley discussed turning over money to the Town to put towards the maintenance/replacement of the turf field. Mr. Ward indicated that he has a line item in the 21100-account labeled Field Usage Fees. He is tracking the field usage fees in this line item and informed the Commission that the money in that account will stay there and only be used towards the maintenance/replacement of the turf field. Chairman Crowley would like Mr. Ward to inform Finance on how Recreation is handling the fees. At the request of the Commission, at each meeting Mr. Ward will begin to provide the Commission with the total dollar figure in the Field Usage Fees line item. Commissioner McKernan suggests that Recreation make a public announcement when they present the money to the Town to use towards the turf field in order to show that the money collected is being used for this purpose.

Chairman Crowley stated that the tennis courts came out beautifully. He also noted that Recreation should begin to look ahead and budget for when the courts will need to be redone in the next three to five years. Mr. Ward mentioned that it may be possible to put in for a CIP grant for future repairs to the courts.

VI. Facilities ad-hoc committee

Chairman Crowley asked Mr. Ward about the pavilions. Mr. Ward stated that a new roof may be necessary. Chairman Crowley suggests that improvements should be done to this area since it is being more utilized. Mr. Ward is planning on setting up a meeting for the Ad-hoc Committee for the first week of January. Chairman Crowley asked the Commissioners if there are projects that the Commissioners would like to see done to let the Ad-hoc Committee know.

VII. Old Business

According to Mr. Ward, portable bathrooms will be set up near the multi-purpose field.

VIII. New Business

There was some damage made by a vehicle to Piver Field. The security cameras aided the police in catching those involved. The police were able to narrow down the timeline and pieced together the series of events with the cameras downtown. The vehicle was located and turf was found stuck under the vehicle and the yellow paint that was used on the sprinkler heads was found in the vehicle. It will cost approximately \$2100 to repair the damage and the parents of those involved are supposed to be paying that cost. There was some discussion about the gate that was used to access the field.

Mr. Ward stated Recreation's cameras could not capture the offending vehicle's license plate clearly at night. There was some discussion and it was decided that Mr. Ward and the Commission need to revisit with Richard LaSaracina since they were under the impression that the cameras installed would be able to clearly show license plates at all hours especially at night and they would prefer cameras that would provide that capability. Commissioner Ciriello noted that he was pleased that it was publicized that the offenders were apprehending due to the cameras. The cameras are a good deterrent.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

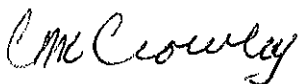
A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Theadore at 6:46 P.M. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Notes:

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman