



Parks & Recreation

Facilities Ad hoc Committee - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1 at 4:00PM

Stonington Human Services

Present: Commission Members, Mike Crowley, Frank Prachniack, Jr., Joseph McKernan, Jr. & Richard Ward, Recreation Administrator. Note: Also present were several members of the High School Civics class as a requirement for their community service program.

1. Approval of minutes from 3.22 meeting

A motion was made by J. McKernan to approve the 3.22 minutes as submitted. Motion approved.

2. **CIRMA Playground Audit**

R. Ward presented the audit and gave updates on the scope of work from the CIRMA Playground Audit back in June. All items with the exception of the physical barriers needed around the play ground equipment were addressed. Several units do not have the 6' clearance around the structures while others don't have the needed markings at all. Two estimates were gained for the work at Spellman Park ranging from \$8,000 to \$10,000. M. Crowley suggested that we also reach out to a few more companies in the area. R. Ward stated that Barbara McKrell and Public Works has submitted the project as a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) to finance the playground boundaries of all three playgrounds. As part of the proposal to CIP, Mr. Ward also included some items from to do list such as an upgrade in fencing at the borough playground, etc. This would be a \$45,000-\$47,000 total project. CIP projects are approved or denied within the town's budget process for the 2017-2018 budget year. If denied, the project will need to be funded solely by Recreation going forward. No action was needed/taken.

3. **Update on Facilities:**

- **Tennis Courts**

R. Ward notified the group that the wind screens will be taken down this year by the school and stored appropriately. It was agreed that Recreation will be responsible for putting them back up in the spring. Proposals on fixing the cracks will be gained – discussion was centered around the best time that that work should be done. It was agreed that we will look to do it in the Spring of 2017. No action was needed/taken.

- **Softball Infield and Scoreboard**

Discussion among the group regarding the scoreboard and the completion. It is understood that the foundation needed for the board will be completed and the fence will be able to be put back up before the spring season. The work is under the schools responsibility. No action was needed/taken.

- **Borough Playground**

R. Ward updated the work done at the Borough Playground during the past spring/summer: the full powerwashing and the resurfacing/painting of the woodwork throughout the park; the removal of the

"sandpit" that attracted the ground bees; the removal of the "spin-a-ka unit" due to safety concerns; and the upgrade of the gates on the fencing. No action was needed/taken.

- **Batting Cages at Spellman Park**

R. Ward notified the group that we are working with both the High School AD and Pawcatuck Little League on a grant for a new Batting cage to be installed at Spellman Park. Updates on the project will be given in a timely manner. No action was needed/taken.

- **ADA Improvement at the REC Field**

The installation of the walkway and pads for the bleachers at the REC field and Piver Field has been completed – it was noted that the work was well received. M. Crowley mentioned that the only outstanding portion of the full bonded project is the parking lot area. No action was needed/taken.

4. New Projects

Discussion was centered on the need of a "Master Plan" for Spellman Park. R. Ward noted that the upcoming CPRA Conference will have several organizations that help towns and business with their plans and will begin the discussion process. It was noted that the need is there but would depend on the cost and scope of the project. No action was needed/taken.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted



Richard Ward, Recreation Administrator