

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2019 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 Nov 2018 Commission meeting

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

III. Finance Reports

a. General Fund -10173

b. Special Activity -21100

According to Mr. Ward, the Special Activity 21100 Account is at \$69,688.66 which is up 9% from last year. Mr. Ward highlighted that about \$25,000 of the total revenue was generated by the programs held at Mystic Indoor Sports. There were 311 children enrolled. Mr. Christina noted that that there was a high demand in the fourth to eighth grade age groups. He was very impressed with the numbers.

The Special Activity 21100 account is currently in the negative in the net revenue over expenditures because Summer Camp registrations have not starting to come in yet, however, camp registrations will begin next week.

All looks good in the General Fund 10173 Account according to Mr. Ward.

Chairman Crowley questioned Mr. Ward on the Professional Association line item. Mr. Ward noted that this line item covers any admission fees or charges for classes or conferences that he or Mr. Christina attend. According to Mr. Ward, an increase to \$1000 in this line item was approved in the last budget.

Mr. Ward further noted that he is looking into sending someone to a two-day Certified Playground Safety Inspector course. This will ensure that Mr. Ward can have the playgrounds checked more regularly to avoid running into issues similar to those at the Borough Playground. There was some discussion on who to send to this course, whether it be a Town employee or someone independent that can inspect and report back to Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward will send further information regarding the course to the Recreation Commissioners.

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

IV. Recreation Administrator's Report
a. Program Video

Mr. Ward played a video depicting all the great programs that Recreation and Human Services have to offer the community of Stonington. Sam Chesebrough filmed bits of each program in action. The Recreation Commissioners were impressed.

V. Chairman's Report

Chairman Crowley attended a meeting last week regarding the Boathouse project. There are twenty-one permits that still need to be obtained. There is still an issue with parking. He informed the Recreation Commissioners that the project is far from completion and he will continue to update the Recreation Commission.

Chairman Crowley informed the Recreation Commission that there will be a committee forming in regard to the West Broad Street School, Old Mystic Administration Building and Pawcatuck Middle School. He would like someone from the Recreation Commission to be on the committee since Recreation is very interested in running programs in the Pawcatuck Middle School building. It may be necessary to set aside money in the Recreation budget for costs to manage the building after hours and for accommodating Recreation programs. If this facility becomes accessible to Recreation, Mr. Ward can run more programs that he currently can not run due to limited space.

VI. Facilities Ad-hoc Committee Report

There have been no Ad-hoc Committee meetings in the last two months.

VII. Old Business
a. Borough Playground Update

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that the total cost for the Borough Playground will be \$66,756. The Board of Warden & Burgesses plan to contribute \$7,500 to the project and the Stonington Village Improvement Association plan to contribute \$10,000. Mr. Ward is very pleased with the contributions. This should be installed in the early spring.

b. Outdoor Basketball Courts

According to Mr. Ward, they will come and fill the cracks in the early spring. Since the weather got too cold, they will honor the same price that was previously quoted to Mr. Ward.

c. Vision 2020 Update

Mr. Ward thanked those Recreation Commission members who have sent him their feedback. He plans to put together an update to present to the Recreation Commission at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Ward informed the Recreation Commission that he has a meeting with a gentleman from Mitchell College who is interested in interning for Recreation this spring.

Chairman Crowley noted that he would like to put an addition on the Palmer building in order to store equipment. First Selectman Simmons should be putting this into the CIP budget.

Chairman Crowley has noticed that the tarps on the infield at the baseball field keep blowing off. He suggests adding sandbags to keep them in place. The main purpose of the tarps is to keep the field dry. When the tarps are in place, they seem to be working.

There is new graffiti on the pavilion. Mr. Ward will be looking into setting up a game camera to watch the area.

The part for the fitness bench is still on backorder.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Theadore at 6:56 P.M. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Notes: Next regular monthly meeting is February 25, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Michael Crowley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman