

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Community Room**

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley and Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak
Commissioners Joe Ciriello, Joe McKernan, Beth Quesnel and
Larry Theadore
Recreation Administrator Joseph Mendonca, Jr.
Human Services Manager Leanne Theodore
Director of Finance Maryanna Stevens

Absent: Commissioner Paulla Solar

- I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

- II. Election of Officers
 - a. Recreation Commission Chair
A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to elect C. Michael Crowley Chair of the Recreation Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore, all in favor, motion approved.
 - b. Recreation Commission Vice-Chair
A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to elect Frank Prachniak Vice-Chair of the Recreation Commission. Motion seconded by Chair Crowley, all in favor, motion approved.

- III. Secretary's Report
A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore, all in favor, motion approved.

- IV. Budget Report
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Special Activity

Commissioner Ciriello questioned why there are two tennis instructors for 6 participants. Administrator Mendonca stated that he will raise the issue with Coach Crouse.

No motions made.

- V. Communications

VI. Programs

a. Winter Programs - Update

- Tennis: Youth Clinic Beg./Adv = 8
- Volleyball: Youth Clinic Beg./Adv = 6+
- Basketball: HS League = 4 Teams (28 players)
- Basketball: Rec/COMO League
- Boys: 3rd - 5th - 9 Teams (81 Players) / 6th - 8th - 8 Teams (76 Players)
- Girls 3rd - 5th - 4 Teams (35 Players) / 6th - 8th - 4 Teams (46 Players)
- Soccer: Futsal HS Boys - 10
- Soccer: Futsal MS Boys - 14
- Basketball: Men's Over 30 = 15+
- Volleyball: Adult Coed League = 8 Teams (50+ players)
- Baby Boomers = 10
- Zumba = 12
- Zumba Toning = 4

b. NEW - Middle School Aged Programs- Spring/Summer 2014

- Archery: Spring Intro Clinic
- Basketball: Summer Camp
- Basketball: 3on3 Summer League
- Football: Summer Camp
- Lacrosse: Summer Camp
- Volleyball: Summer Youth Clinic
- Soccer: Summer Camp
- Tennis: Summer Youth Clinic

VII. Recreation Administrator's Report

a. Field Usage Rental Fee Schedule

Discussion ensued regarding field usage fees for resident and out of town users. Currently Town puts aside \$136K for field maintenance, looking to recoup some cost. Discussion centered on setting up user groups and fee structure, and finding an equitable solution, specifically for youth organizations; concern among Commission regarding the cost youth organizations will incur.

Board of Finance member Sandy Grimes stated that cost to the tax payers needs to be considered.

First Selectman Edward Haberek, Jr. stated that the fields are a part of the community. Fee structure needs to be convenient, fair & with some reimbursement of cost.

Matter tabled until next meeting.

- VIII. Other Business
- a. Athletic Field Task Force Update
 - b. Tobacco Free Parks
Tabled until next meeting
 - c. Middle School Aged Programs – Spring/Summer
Tabled until next meeting

IX. Chairman's Comments

- X. Meeting Adjourned
A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman