

STONINGTON RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 31, 2006
AT STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

Present: Chairman Michael Crowley, Vice Chairman Frank Prachniak, Jr., Commission Members Beth Quesnel, Paulla Solar and Larry Theadore; Human Services Director, Beth-Ann Stewart and Recreation Director, Beth Sharon Bousquet

Absent: Mark LoPresto and George Thayer

I. Remarks of Visitors
None

II. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Frank Prachniak, Jr. and seconded by Paulla Solar to approve the minutes, as written, from the April meeting and it was voted.

III. Budget Report
Sharon Bousquet discussed Fiscal Year 05-06 coming to an end and stated that money has been encumbered to spend down the remaining funds. A motion was made by Larry Theadore and seconded by Beth Quesnel to approve the Budget Report and it was voted.

IV. Correspondence
None

V. Old Business
Summer Registration Day
Sharon Bousquet stated that Registration Day took place on May 20 and to date, approximately 60 youth have signed up for the Playground Program. Sharon also stated that an advertisement for the program will be in the paper soon. Chairman Crowley questioned if the numbers for the Playground Program were lower than usual. Sharon stated that there is still time to sign up. Beth Stewart stated that two other Human Services staff members were working at Registration Day to help facilitate program sign-ups.

New Budget

Sharon Bousquet stated that 3% has been allocated to the Other Salaries line, which she stated could possibly be used for a seasonal maintenance position. Chairman Crowley began a discussion regarding increasing the Director's salary.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss a possible increase to the Director's salary. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted to not request an increase from the Board of Finance for the Director's salary. The vote was as follows 3 (Quesnel, Sollar, Theadore) to 2 (Crowley, Prachniak). The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:47 PM and resumed the regular meeting.

- VI. New Business
Playground Program
Sharon Bousquet discussed a training “camp” that playground staff will attend in June. She also stated that, due to lack of hours, Recreation will no longer be a part of the Summer Enrichment Program; it will just be falling under the Youth & Family Services division. Beth Stewart stated that Recreation staff will still be involved with the program and questioned if Sharon had discussed this change with the Youth & Family Services Administrator, Lacey Bartlett. Sharon stated that the changes had been discussed.
- Maintenance Position
Sharon Bousquet stated that 2 interviews took place today.
- VII. Programs
Tennis Meeting
Discussion ensued regarding a potential lower fee for substitute players. The Commission decided to keep the fee schedule that is currently in place for this program.
- Track & Field Meet
The Hershey Track & Field meet took place last Saturday. Seven participants from Stonington will be moving on to the District Meet (29 total participants took place).
- VIII. Director’s Report
None
- IX. Chairman’s Comments
None
- X. Adjourn
Chairman Crowley adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne DiGangi, Secretary