

MEETING: Stonington Recreation Commission
PLACE: Stonington Recreation Administration Building
DATE: February 27, 2006
TIME: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Director, Sharon Bousquet; Chairman, Mike Crowley; Vice Chairman, Frank Prachniak, Jr.; Members, Beth Quesnel, Paulla Solar, George Thayer, Larry Theadore; Secretary, Leanne DiGangi

ABSENT: Mark LoPresto

I. Public Opportunity to Address Commission

NA

II. Secretary's Report

Upon motion made by George Thayer and seconded by Frank Prachnik, Jr. the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and it was voted (6-0).

III. Budget Report

Director Bousquet stated that she has encumbered funds in the FY 05-06 budget to have a better idea of what remains. A motion was made by George Thayer and seconded by Beth Quesnel to accept the budget report and it was voted (6-0).

IV. Communications

The letter appointing Mark LoPresto to the Recreation Commission was presented.

V. Old Business

Fields

Discussion ensued regarding a bill which, if passed, would ban pesticides on Town fields. This would pose a problem as fields would have to switch to, costly, artificial turf. Chairman Crowley stated that the School Superintendent told the Board of Finance that he would not support any improvements to the fields until the outcome of the bill is heard. He also stated that the Board of Education will not pay for the UConn Consultant.

Saturday Basketball

Director Bousquet stated that the hallway complaints have been addressed and no new complaints have been heard.

Board of Finance Meeting

Chairman Crowley stated that no negativity came out of the recent meeting. A Town Meeting will be held on April 10th.

VI. New Business

Light Policy

Director Bousquet will provide a listing of dates and groups using Town fields at the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Commission should charge for light usage. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. Programs

Director Bousquet gave an update on current programming.

- Recent incident in Men's Basketball involving a player swearing at officials prompted the player to receive a 2 game suspension.
- Vacation Camp went well.
- Mad Science Camp went well, but the group left the Community Room very messy. There was also a problem as the group was short staffed the 2nd day.
- The Cooking Class went well, but there was a miscommunication between Nancy Martin and the instructor. This miscommunication did not allow all interested children to sign up. Director Bousquet stated that Nancy Martin did a good job in helping out with this in her absence.
- Captain's Meeting is coming soon for the Golf League.

Paulla Solar and Beth Quesnel agreed to be on the Summer Staff Interview Committee once again.

Director Bousquet stated that the Summer Food Service Program will only be allowed to run at SHS this year. She stated that this poses a problem as the Playground Program would only operate at that site. She stated that, in the past, children have been able to walk to the WVSS and WBSS sites.

Chairman Crowley questioned the need to include free lunch with the program and questioned who had the final say on the site determination.

Director Bousquet stated that Human Services has applied for a grant to fund an extended day program which would be run by the Youth & Family and Recreation divisions.

VIII. Director's Report

NA

IX. Other Business

NA

X. Chairman's Comments

NA

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Crowley adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne DiGangi
Secretary