

**STONINGTON RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2006  
7:00 PM AT STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chairman, C. Michael Crowley; Vice President, Frank Prachniak, Jr.; Board Members: Beth Quesnel, Paulla Solar, George Thayer and Larry Theadore; Recreation Director, Sharon Bousquet

Absent: Board Member, Mark LoPresto

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crowley at 7:05 PM.

1) Public's Opportunity to Address the Commission

NA

2) Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2006 Meeting

- Director Bousquet asked that the minutes change to reflect the following: Section VII (Programming), last paragraph – Include that the extended day program would be run by Youth & Family Services “in conjunction with Recreation.”
- Chairman Crowley asked that the minutes change to reflect the following: Section VII (Programming), second to last paragraph – Include his emphasis on “wanting two sites to accommodate the neighborhood children that may currently walk to the WVSS program.”

Upon the noted changes, a motion was made by George Thayer and seconded by Frank Prachniak, Jr. to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2006 meeting.

3) Budget Report

Copies of the General Fund and Special Activities finance detail were distributed to the Board. A motion was made by George Thayer and seconded by Larry Theadore to approve the budget report.

4) Communications

NA

5) Old Business

Light Policy

Discussion ensued regarding charging outside groups for light usage (Director Bousquet estimated that the amount would be between \$10-12/night). The timer has been fixed – the basketball and tennis courts are on the same timer. Discussion ensued regarding setting the timer so the lights would automatically go on Sunday – Friday from 8:00-9:30 PM for the public; signs would need to be posted regarding the times.

### Golf

Director Bousquet stated that she had a good meeting with Elmridge Golf Course regarding the Men's Golf League. She stated that she received a call from Jim Ballato and he would like to "put the league back together as one" and he would also like to work as the statistician. Discussion ensued regarding whether Jim Ballato should return as statistician. The Board's consensus was that if Director Bousquet was comfortable with it, then he should return. Director Bousquet expressed concerns regarding how Jim Ballato may "portray Stonington Recreation." Director Bousquet stated that she had discussed this issue with Beth Stewart, Human Services Director, and that the outcome was that it may be a problem "politically" for Director Bousquet to decide whether Jim Ballato return as statistician and the topic should be brought to the Commission. The Commission requested Director Bousquet's input on this. Paulla Solar asked if Director Bousquet could speak to Jim Ballato regarding any concerns that she may have. The Board approved the decision to re-hire Jim Ballato as statistician at the same salary that he was at last season.

## 6) New Business

### Field Permits

Director Bousquet received a request from a Southport, CT LaCrosse Camp interested in using the field. The Board expressed concerns that the fields should be given time "to rest" between programs. A motion was made by Chairman Crowley and seconded by Paulla Solar to not allow outside groups to use the field at this time.

### Summer Interviews

The deadline to apply for summer positions is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Beth Quesnel, Paulla Solar and Director Bousquet will meet to rate the applicants and discuss a time to schedule interviews.

### Tractor Information

Chairman Crowley researched and information was distributed on three tractor models. Input from the Board was requested by Director Bousquet for the next meeting.

### May Meeting

A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, which will replace the regular meeting originally scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Rec Complex Work

Director Bousquet stated that Bill Stewart, Highway Department, will be putting signs up at the multipurpose field. She also stated that the shed is rotting and the metal bleachers (facing the playground) have holes in them which could be a potential safety issue. Director Bousquet will speak to Joe McKernan and have the bleachers removed, if they are not needed. The new playground equipment installation should be completed in the Spring.

### Tennis/Basketball Courts

Director Bousquet stated that the resurfacing will take place over April vacation; the tennis coach has been notified.

### Signs for Playground & Mulch

Director Bousquet stated that the above items have been ordered by Joe Bragaw, Town Engineer, and the Highway Department has agreed to spread the mulch (Spellman Drive).

7) Programs

Director Bousquet stated that Program Registration Day, for residents, will take place at Human Services on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

8) Director's Report

NA

9) Other Business

Chairman Crowley stated that the Board of Finance Meeting went well and the full time Director position had passed, along with the CIP.

10) Chariman's Comments

11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by George Thayer and seconded by Paula Solar to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne DiGangi  
Secretary