

Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2006
Human Service Building
7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present for the meeting were: Chairman C. Michael Crowley, Vice President, Frank Prachniak Jr., Board Members: George Thayer, Larry Theadore, Joe Ciriello, Beth Stewart, Beth Quesnel, and Recreation Director Sharon Bousquet

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

None

II. Secretary's Report

Mr. Thayer motioned to accept the report as read and Mr. Prachniak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Budget Report

A. General Fund

B. Special Activity account calendar year/FY 06-07

Due to the length of the report, and because the report was handed out at the meeting, Commission members delayed discussion until the next meeting.

IV. Communications

Ms. Bousquet stated two letters had been sent out, one to announce the resignation of Leanne DiGangi. Replacing Ms. DiGangi would be Patti Linder. The second letter announced the appointment of Joe Ciriello to the Commission.

One letter was received by Ms. Bousquet, from Alan Burnett, discussing the plan to build a wall separating the lacrosse field from the girl's field Hockey field. The Commission stated the plan needed to be addressed by others before being presented to the Commission.

V. Old Business

Maintenance of fields

Ms. Bousquet discussed the need to rest the Field Hockey Field, and work needs to be done on the softball field. Both Ms. Bousquet and Chairman Crowley mentioned a productive meeting with the maintenance staff at the high school.

Sprinkler update

Committee is still working on plans for the sprinkler system. Until there are final plans, the cost of the system cannot be assessed.

Tractor

Mr. Prachniak motioned to spend up to \$5,000.00 on a new tractor and Mr. Thayer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shed

Mr. Thayer motioned to approve repairs to the shed and Ms. Quesnel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

The Commission discussed the need for outdoor bathrooms accessible to the players and the public. Chairman Crowley asked about obtaining grant money for some of the projects included in the 5 year plan. Beth Stewart addressed these questions as well as the time frame for submitting requests.

VII. Programs

Summer Programs

Ms. Bousquet reviewed the programs offered over the summer. A couple problems that developed were discussed, and solutions were offered to avoid repeating the same problems next year. More communication between the high school maintenance staff and the Summer Program staff would greatly reduce confusion with access to the building and playing fields. A plan for a consistent entrance would help, particularly during drop off and pick up times for parents. Also discussed was the inexperience of some of the staff. Solutions offered for next year included more communication with younger staff members and their families, and more training prior to the beginning of the program.

Fall Programs

Ms. Bousquet outlined the programs that are being offered this fall.

Chairman Crowley stated there was no further business. Mr. Thayer motioned to adjourn and Mr. Prachniak seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.