

**STONINGTON RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Special MEETING**  
**May 21, 2007**  
**7:00 PM AT STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES**

**MINUTES**

Present for the meeting were: Chairman, C. Michael Crowley; Vice President Frank Prachniak, Jr.; Board Members Beth Quesnel, Paula Solar and Larry Theadore; and Nancy Martin, Recreation Director.

Absent: Board Member Joe Ciriello, and George Thayer.

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public's Opportunity to Address the Commission:** None

**Secretary's Report**

Ms. Quesnel motioned to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2007 meeting with two corrections and Ms. Solar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Report:**

Ms. Martin stated the cash Balance was \$33,811.48. Ms. Quesnel asked if everything had been paid and Ms. Martin responded yes. Commission members discussed payment to the Stonington Community Center for the Youth Basketball Program, questioning the need for the Commission to contribute to a program that seemed capable of funding itself. Ms. Martin will research the need for the contribution further.

Mr. Theadore motioned to accept the Budget Report and Ms. Quesnel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:**

Chairman Crowley stated the irrigation Project started today and should be complete within a week if all goes well.

**Programs:**

Ms. Martin stated most of the interviews for the Summer Recreation Program had been completed. Seven Counselors, a Supervisor and one maintenance

person had been hired. Ms. Martin was still interviewing for an additional maintenance position.

Registration for the Summer Programs had started. Although the numbers seemed low, registration was still open and the numbers are expected to increase. Ms. Martin suggested sending a letter to those who had attended last year's program and had not registered this year. The letter would outline positive changes that have been made to this year's program. Commissioners agreed the letter might help enrollment. Ms. Martin also explained that many of the programs were continuous and those involved in these programs would not sign up until the first class.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Martin reported she had talked with the Groton City Recreation Director in regards to field usage fees, and would continue to research how other towns handle the issue of charging for use of their fields. Chairman Crowley stated he had learned that a Federal Grant had been given to Stonington for the fields. The Grant stated if the fields were not in use, the Commission has the option of allowing leagues out of state to use them. The Grant did not specify fees. Ms. Martin will research the costs for maintaining the fields in order to help the Commission decide on an equitable fee.

The tennis courts are scheduled for repair the week of June 11, 2007, weather permitting.

The new basketball mats have arrived and are stored in the shed at the Human Resources Building. Ms. Martin said the four additional mats could also be stored in the shed.

Ms. Martin attended a meeting for the District Building Usage schedule. The meeting went very well, and the schedule was finished.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a Skateboard Park at the High School. As no money was available, and no property available, the Commission felt the park was not an option at this time.

Ms. Martin stated repairs would be made at the Borough Playground.

### **Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Crowley reported he had spoken with First Selectman Bill Brown and wanted to share with the Commission Mr. Brown's appreciation for the fine

work the Stonington Recreation Commission did for the town. The Commission, Mr. Brown stated, contributed greatly to the town, coordinating so many programs and making them available to the residents.

Mr. Theadore motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Quesnel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Crowley, Chairman