

**Stonington Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, April 28, 2008**  
**Human Service's Building**  
**6:00 PM**

- I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission  
No comments
  
- II. Secretary's Report  
A motion was made by Commissioner Quensel and seconded by Commissioner Theodore to accept the Secretary's report and it was voted.
  
- III. Personnel
  - a. Recreation Administrator Outside Activity
    - i. Administrator Mendonca requested permission from the Commission to run a soccer tournament which will take place on the Stonington Community Center fields. He has run this tournament for the past two summers and would like to continue his working relationship with the Como.
      - 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Theodore to grant Administrator Mendonca permission to run the soccer tournament. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prachniak and approved.
  - b. Summer Hires
    - i. Candidate's applications have been received and reviewed. Interviews will start this week.
  
- IV. Budget Report
  - a. General Fund
  - b. Special Activity – George Thayer Memorial Fund
    - i. Still taking contributions. Chairman Crowley & Commissioner Ciriello will select a bench to place in the playground area facing the softball field once all funds are collected.
  - c. CIP Restrooms Project
    - i. Passed Board of Finance; will go to public vote on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. STEAP Grant for Restrooms Project
    - i. STEAP Grant denied.
  - e. Budget Referendum: April 29, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Prachniak and seconded by Commissioner Solar to approve the budget report and it was voted.
  
- V. Communications  
None

## VI. Programs

- a. Captains' Meetings – Golf & Softball & Tennis
  - i. Golf & Softball each have 8 registered teams. Tennis starting this month.
- b. Yoga
  - i. Starts May 6<sup>th</sup>, five participants registered right now.
- c. Cheer N Spirit
  - i. Program introduced two weeks ago and run by Amanda Cuda at Mystic Middle School. Currently five participants, program will run again this summer starting June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Hershey Track & Field
  - i. 15 registered participants, ages 12-15.
- e. Summer Programming – registration underway

## VII. Recreation Administrator's Report

### CM Tools / March 2008 Statistics

- i. Youth program contacts increased 68%
  - ii. Senior exercise contacts increased 78%
  - iii. Single parent female households served increased 90%
  - iv. Youth programs: 148 contacts
  - v. Adult programs: 78 contacts
  - vi. Senior programs: 26 contacts
- b. Family Outdoor Movie Nights:
    - i. First movie night of this season planned for June 13<sup>th</sup> and will be sponsored by St. Michael's School (fee to sponsor is \$250). Planning on holding 2-3 more, as well as discussing different locations.
  - c. Playground Inspections / Borough Fence & Landscaping / Whale Sculpture
    - i. Playground inspections – April 3<sup>rd</sup> went well.
    - ii. Borough fence & landscaping – Administrator Mendonca presented plans; will start mid to end of May. Chairman Crowley concerned with the difficulty of opening the gate (and the latch that comes free), as well as the children riding it, suggested the Commission may want to look into a gate that slides.
    - iii. Whale sculpture: planned on placing 10 yards away from playground; now will be moved due to blessing of fleet. Director Stewart & Administrator Mendonca will attend next placement meeting.
  - d. Tennis & BB courts – repairs and replacements
    - i. Damage on the basketball courts more hazardous than on the tennis courts. There is a massive crack in the basketball court; weather will determine when it can be fixed. When tennis season ends repairs will be made. Looking into products with longer life; will be visiting sites that used these options.

VIII. Other Business

- a. Commissioner Quensel recently attended a softball game and voiced her concern regarding children sitting on top of a storage shed by moving the bleachers over in order to climb up. The Commission determined Administrator Mendonca needs to address the situation and a sign needs to be put up; Commissioner Solar will make athletic director aware.

IX. Chairman's Comments

None

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner Quensel to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solar and approved. Motion adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman