

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Community Room**

Present: Chairman C. Michael Crowley; Vice-Chair Frank Prachniak
Commissioners: Joe Ciriello, Beth Quensel and Paula Solar
Recreation Administrator Joseph Mendonca Jr.
Absent: Commissioners Joe McKernan and Larry Theadore

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

II. Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Prachniak to accept the Secretaries Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello and approved.

III. Budget Report

- a. General Fund
- b. Special Activity

A motion was made by Commissioner Quensel to accept the General Fund Budget Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prachniak and approved.

IV. Communications

Administrator Mendonca submitting CIP project to relocate tennis court lights outside of courts in order to prevent cracking. Proposal will include court repair costs for the past 5 years to show repair cost history. Administrator Mendonca will determine cost per pole and report back to Commission at November meeting.

Michelle Larese-Casanova will be unable to provide clerical support at the November meeting. Minutes will be taken by Commissioner Quensel.

V. Programs

- a. Completion of Fall (139)
 - Basketball
 - Youth Girl's Clinic (8)
 - HS Open Gym (12)
 - Soccer
 - Youth Clinic (12)
 - Tennis
 - Beg./Adv. (20)
 - Pilates (8)
 - Baby Boomers (15)
 - Zumba (50)
 - Fitness Circuits (8)
 - Intro to Strength Training (8)

V. Programs (cont'd)

b. Fall/Winter to begin

- Basketball
 - Men's Over 30
 - Men's 18+
- Pilates
- Baby Boomers
- Zumba
- Fitness Circuits

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

Volleyball captains meeting tonight, 18 teams registered (coed).

Restructuring of league will be discussed.

VII. Other Business

a. Future Projects Subcommittees

- Fencing alongside Playground and Spellman Drive
Miller Industries quotes received, \$11 - \$13K (depending on height of fence) for black vinyl coated chain link. Project will need to go out to bid. Chairman Crowley would like to have quote for vertical fencing. Commissioner McKernan will visit Airport Road playground in Westerly, RI and report back to Commission.
- Fitness Trail Around Playing fields and Pavilion
- Discussion regarding small pavilion outside playground area to provide additional shade, as well as an area for picnicking and crafts during Playground program. Administrator Mendonca will follow up with Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services, regarding grants to fund construction. Subcommittee will include Chairman Crowley, Vice-Chair Prachniak, and Commissioner McKernan.
- \$65K in CIP funding originally for bathrooms will go for parking lots.

b. Como Basketball Partnership

Discussion regarding funding of Como Basketball program.

Administrator Mendonca will meet with Tim Cieplek and report back to Commission at November meeting.

c. Commissioner Ciriello stated the Commission should consider looking into future long range projects and grants available to fund them, suggesting creation of a stand alone "recreation center" that includes recreational facilities, as well as meeting space.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Solar and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of C. Michael Crowley in cursive, with the word "CHAIR" written in all caps to the right of the signature.

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman