

**Stonington Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:00 PM  
Human Services Community Room**

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

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission  
No comments.

Administrator Mendonca requested to discuss agenda item VII a at this time.

VII Other Business

a. Election of Officers

- Vice-Chair Prachniak made a motion to nominate Michael Crowley as Chairman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quensel
- Chairman Crowley made a motion to nominate Frank Prachniak as Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved.
- Chairman Crowley made a motion to nominate Commissioner Quensel as Secretary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved.

II. Secretary's Report

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

III. Budget Report

a. General Fund

b. Special Activity

Vice-Chair Prachniak questioned Utility line expense in July 2009. Administrator Mendonca explained utility consumption is greatest in summer months as tennis courts and softball field lights are in use. He will look into past usage, as well as meet with Bill King regarding program utilized at the high school to reduce costs.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Prachniak to accept the General Fund Budget Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Prachniak to accept the Special Activity Budget Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved.

IV. Communications  
None

V. Programs

a. Winter

- Volleyball (18 Total Teams; 3 Divisions, 6 Teams Per Division)
- Basketball
  - Men's Over 30 (26)
  - High School Boy's League(5 Total Teams;8 Players Per Team)
- Futsal
  - MS Girl's (18)
  - MS Boy's (17)
  - HS Boy's (12)
  - HS Girl's (10)
  - Youth Clinic/League (40)
- Tennis
  - USTA Quick start
    - o Beginner (10)
    - o Advanced (10)
  - MS Open Play (6)
  - HS/Adult Open Play (10)
- Quilting (7)
- Pilates (12)
- Baby Boomers (19)
- Zumba (51)

b. Trips

- UCONN Basketball- Tickets \$40.00 per game
  - 1/30/10 Men vs. Marquette @ XL Center, Hartford CT

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

a. Spring / Summer 2010 Program Guide

## VII. Other Business

- a. Election of Officers (addressed above)
- b. Spellman Rec Complex Restrooms
  - Agreement with Board of Ed regarding school year schedule.
  - Chair Crowley believes bathroom should look more attractive; suggested contacting high school to paint mural. Administrator Mendonca suggested waiting until landscaping is complete before deciding on additional changes. Chair Crowley recommended sub committee convene, chaired by Commissioner McKernan and consisting of Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Quensel and Commissioner Ciriello.
- c. Future Projects Sub Committees Progress
  - Administrator Mendonca purchased outdoor display board that will be installed before summer programming begins.
  - New playscape equipment installed.
  - Construction of small pavilion discussed.
  - Playground Fencing
    - Wire fencing originally chosen, however based on a discussion Administrator Mendonca had with other recreation professionals at a regional meeting, he shared opinions that were expressed concerning a feeling of containment could be created by fencing. Commission discussion determined wire chain link is still best option. Vice-Chair Prachniak suggested going out to bid now so that project is set up to go when ready. Chair Crowley requested Administrator Mendonca proceed with the bid process.
  - Walking Trails
    - Commissioner Ciriello suggested visiting site with Town Engineer to discuss the trail location. Chair Crowley recommended drawing a sketch of the site and bringing it to Larry Sullivan to review. Commissioner Ciriello will proceed with this task.
  - Ice Rink
    - Administrator Mendonca will get ice rink up and running; will hire someone to assist.

## VIII. Chairman's Comments

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner Quensel to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theodore and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*CM Crowley CHAIR*

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman