

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:00 PM
Stonington Police Department Meeting Room**

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

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

- II. Secretary's Report
A motion was made by Vice-Chair Prachniak to accept the Secretaries Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKernan and approved.

- III. Budget Report
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Special ActivityA motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to accept the budget reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quensel and approved.

- IV. Communications
None

- V. Programs
 - a. Actively in Progress
 - Summer Camp – began June 23rd
Chairman Crowley requested that next year a representative from the Recreation Commission is added to the hiring committee for Playground staff, as he has heard criticisms regarding the hiring of non-residents. Administrator Mendonca explained the hiring process, and stated all applicants go through the same hiring process and the most qualified applicants are chosen. Chairman Crowley stated the applicants from Stonington should have preference provided they are qualified. Chairman Crowley further stated he has also received criticism regarding training held on the same night as prom, and would like Administrator Mendonca to take that into consideration next year. Administrator Mendonca stated he could not reschedule the date of orientation to accommodate the few individuals that were attending prom; consideration was taken as far as the time the meeting was scheduled.
 - Baby Boomers

V. Programs (cont'd)

a. Actively in Progress (cont'd)

- 2nd Biggest Loser Challenge, April 21st – June 28

Administrator Mendonca thanked the instructors that volunteered their time to make this program a success.

- Pilates
- Zumba
- Softball - Men's League
- Golf - Men's League
- Tennis - Youth Beginner/Advanced Lessons - June 23rd
- Tennis - Adult Coed League- June 16th
- Golf - Youth Clinic
- Lacrosse - Men's Open Run

Chairman Crowley stated concern with over using fields, believes fields should be rested. Administrator Mendonca stated he checks with school, schedules programs, then is told at last minute that fields are being seeding and cannot be used. Chairman Crowley stated that number of programs may need to be decreased to preserve fields, and that a meeting needs to be set with Ken Donovan et al to determine usage schedule.

- Basketball - High School Open Run Boys/Girls

b. Starting Next Month

- Field Hockey - Women's Open Run
- Family Movie Night - July 9th
- Basketball - Women's Basketball League
- Intro to Archery
- Tennis - Coed High School League

c. Starting in August

- Rowing – Youth Clinic
- Soccer – High School Camp – Boys & Girls

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

VII. Other Business

a. Updates/Future Projects Sub Committees Progress

- Hailey's Way Playground

Commission members visited site. Vice-Chair Prachniak stated structures are solid, with the exception of one rocking horse; woodchips are needed to replace those that washed away. Plan remains to slowly rebuild as possible. Painting structures was discussed.

- Walking Exercise Trail

Administrator Mendonca attempted to contact company; only able to leave voicemails. Provided Commission members packets detailing stations available. Detailed plan needs to be submitted to Town Engineer.

VII. Other Business (cont'd)

- Pavilion

Chairman Crowley gave Administrator Mendonca website containing pre-made plans; Chairman Crowley will call to ensure building codes for Stonington are covered. Administrator Mendonca stressed it needs to be maintenance free.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

Chairman would like to write a letter of thanks to all involved with getting the recreation complex improvements completed, including the Board of Finance and the First Selectman.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner Ciriello to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quensel and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman