

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Room**

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

Absent: Commissioner Joe Ciriello

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission
No Comments

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

III. Budget Report
a. General Fund
b. Special Activity

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to accept the budget reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved.

IV. Communications

V. Programs

a. Winter Programs- Update

- Volleyball (13 Total Teams; 2 Divisions, A-7, B/C-6)
- Basketball
 - REC/COMO Youth League(Gr3-8;254;16B/11G Teams)
 - Men's Over 30 (18)
 - Men's Over 18 (*Starting in Feb. 25*)
 - High School Boy's League(4 Total Teams; 27 Players)
- Futsal
 - MS Girl's (6)
 - MS Boy's (7)
 - HS Boy's (14)
- Tennis
 - USTA Quick start (16)
- Boomers (14)
- Zumba (M 8/W 8)

Commissioner McKernan asked if there is any way to get program attendance numbers up. Administrator Mendonca stated that he just implemented a punch card system with Zumba, as this is the system used by most other facilities. He stated that when other facilities can offer a Zumba class as part of their membership, it is hard to compete.

Chair Crowley stated that there has to be a way to get the attendance numbers up; can't keep cancelling programs. Chair Crowley stated he would like Administrator Mendonca to look into a way to get more attendance.

Vice-Chair Prachniak asked if Administrator Mendonca sent out press releases or flyers. Administrator Mendonca stated that yes, press releases are sent out, and flyers are sent to schools on a regular basis.

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

VII. Other Business

a. Field Usage Policy and Fees

- Administrator Mendonca provided local area policies, stated other towns charge \$50 per hour, compared to Stonington's \$50 per day. He would like to charge same as high school, \$100 per day, in addition to \$50/hour for lights, and \$50 for score board usage.
- Chair Crowley questioned who would be responsible for turning on the score board if the field is rented on a weekend. Administrator Mendonca stated this still needs to be worked out with Joe Bragaw due to restructuring of field maintenance positions.
- Commissioner Theadore suggested charging a non resident fee. Chair Crowley suggested Administrator Mendonca provide options.
- Chair Crowley asked about the process for renting the pavilions & whether a rental form should be created. Administrator Mendonca explained that process is already in place, with a rental agreement that is required to be signed & returned, along with confirmation that the rules have been read and abided by.
- Commissioner McKernan suggested there should be a timeframe for administrative processing of application.
- A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve rental of the softball field and score board by David Nolan on Saturday June 29th & Sunday June 30th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved.

b. Athletic Field Task Force

c. Updates/Future Projects Sub Committees Progress

- Spellman Restrooms
 - Jen VanBlarcom, Artist
 - Provided example of proposed artwork for Spellman Park restrooms, which included the letters "SHS" in brown & white paint, with a splattering of neon colors in background. She stated she cannot paint silhouettes due to the texture of the wall.
 - Administrator Mendonca requested additional options to give Commission alternatives to choose from.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

None

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKernan and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman