

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

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

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

Bob Dimock and Jessica Linicus, Stonington Residents
Youth Flag Football Program Proposal

Addressed Commission regarding a safe alternative for tackle football programs. Proposed a coed flag football league for Town youth, ages 7 – 14 years old. Would like to start in fall, hoping to get approval as soon as possible.

Chair Crowley stated that the Commission may need another month to determine field availability.

Commissioner Ciriello stated that this is a wonderful idea that prepares both boys and girls for all types of sports.

Chair Crowley made a motion to accept the recommendation to run a flag football program through the Town. Motion seconded by Commissioner Quesnel and approved, all in favor.

II. Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore 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

None

V. Programs

a. Spring - Starting in March/April

- Captain's Meeting - Wednesday, March 27, 2013
 - Golf League - 6pm (10-12 Teams pending)
 - Softball League - 7pm (6 Teams pending)
- Basketball – High School Boys/Girls Open Gym, TU/TH Mar 28th 5-7pm @SHS
- Weight Loss Challenge - Begins Wednesday, April 17th
- Quilting - Begins Tuesday, April 16 6-8pm

b. Winter Recap

- Volleyball (13 Total Teams; 2 Divisions, A-7, B/C-6)
- Basketball
 - Men's Over 30 Open Run (21)
 - Men's 18+ Open Run (15)
- Boomers (14)
- Zumba (M 8/W 8)

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

VII. Other Business

a. Updates/Future Projects Sub Committees Progress

- Spellman Restrooms
Chair Crowley spoke to art teacher at Stonington High School regarding art class painting murals on rest room walls.

b. Athletic Field Task Force

All weather field out to bid. Need to decide on type of turf. Athletic Field Task Force final meeting on Monday; completion date August 1st.

c. Tennis & Basketball Courts

- Tennis Courts
Administrator Mendonca contacted Dalton Contracting regarding small cracks that have appeared. Under warranty, waiting on return phone call.
- Basketball Courts
Will most likely not be ready for summer. Commissioner Solar asked if she should look into other sites. Administrator Mendonca stated they can go indoors if necessary, which will provide benefit in event of rain; both would like to keep program in Town.

d. School Dude

Chair Crowley stated that School Dude is a web based program to reserve fields and gym space, however program does not seem to be working. Reservations are made, but bumped without notice. Preference is supposed to go to school, Human Services, and then others. Chair Crowley stated Administrator Mendonca will be getting involved in the process.

Administrator Mendonca suggested Commission members log on, take a look, and let him know what they think.

Commissioner Ciriello stated that this is absolutely unacceptable.

e. Youth Flag Football – See "Remarks of Visitors"

VIII. Chairman's Comments
None

IX. Meeting Adjourned
A motion was made by Commissioner Theodore to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ciriello and approved, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Michael Crowley".

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman