

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 29, 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

II. Secretary's Report

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

IV. Communications

None

V. Programs

a. Spring - Starting in March/April

- Babysitting (12)
- Golf League (10 Teams)
- Softball League (6 Teams)
- Basketball- HS B/G Open Gym (8)
- Quilting (4)
- Zumba (10)
- Senior Exercise/ Boomers (12)
- Weight Loss Challenge- (3-4 Teams) Begins Wednesday, May 1st
- Archery Clinic @WVS- (16) Begins Monday, May 6th
- Archery Clinic @DMS- (13) Begins Tuesday, May 7th
- Hershey Track & Field Games- Friday, May 17th @ Fitch HS Track

Chair Crowley stated that he wants to increase the number of participants attending programs; he does not believe the numbers are impressive.

Administrator Mendonca stated that program attendance really depends on what the program's maximum attendance count is, e.g. Quilting has 4 participants but maximum participation is 6.

Commissioner Solar stated that adding the number of persons per team to the attendance counts may help.

Commissioner Theadore asked Chair Crowley how to get people to come to a program.

Chair Crowley stated he's not sure, that's why he brought it up.

Administrator Mendonca stated he advertises, and puts out press releases hoping to increase participation.

Commissioner Solar asked if the high school kids have ever been surveyed about what programs they would like to see offered.

Administrator Mendonca stated he has in the past, and may want to look into additional after school programming.

Chair Crowley asked what about kids that run track; what about having a fun run? He stated that he believes we are missing something with the kids, and would like Administrator Mendonca to look into more fun runs.

Administrator Mendonca stated fun runs were in place when John McNally ran them.

Commissioner Quesnel stated that she will contact Sue McCarthy.

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report
a. Spring Program Projections

VII. Other Business

- a. Updates/Future Projects Sub Committees Progress
- Spellman Restrooms
Student from High School art club will provide silhouette examples for restroom walls.
- b. Athletic Field Task Force
- Ground breaking Friday, May 3rd at 11:00am. Field will be shut down until completed in August. Three lower fields will be done in fall. Field by Human Services will be open.
 - Administrator Mendonca stated that pavilion rentals begin Memorial Day weekend, and asked the Commission if he should close the west pavilion to rentals during field construction. Chair Crowley stated that no, construction traffic will not affect the west pavilion, dumping will not affect either pavilion.
- c. Youth Flag Football
- d. Field Reservations & Usage Meeting

VIII. Chairman's Comments
None

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesnel to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore and approved, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Michael Crowley C.M.C.

C. Michael Crowley, Chairman