

**Stonington Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 30, 2013 at 6:00 PM
Human Services Community Room**

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

I. Publics' Opportunity to Address the Commission

II. Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Prachniak, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Budget Report

a. General Fund

b. Special Activity

Leanne Theodore, Human Services Manager

Mrs. Theodore stated that she will provide a formalized report to the Commission regarding scholarships for 2013 summer programs, however the number of scholarships provided was less than the \$4,300 provided in 2012. Children living in households where household income falls within 200% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible to receive scholarships.

Chair Crowley stated that he continually has questions regarding the Special Activity Fund, and whether or not a program is successful. Chair Crowley requested a report that details total revenue, total expense, and number of participants that is broken out by program, so that he can ensure there are enough programs, confirm how many people are attending the program, and determine if the program is operating at a profit, or loss.

Administrator Mendonca said he will work to create a report that details what Chair Crowley requested.

Chair Crowley asked about the bottom line amount in the Special Activity Fund as shown in the report.

Administrator Mendonca pointed out that the report confirms the balance as of June 30th, however there have been additional expenses incurred, including Summer Concert Series expenses of \$9,000.00, which affected the bottom line.

Chair Crowley stated that he was told that Human Services had a separate account that was going to be used for the Summer Concert Series.

III. Budget Report (cont'd)
b. Special Activity (cont'd)

Administrator Mendonca stated that Youth & Family Services was supposed to get charged, then reimbursed, for Concert Series expenditures, however Recreation Special Activity is still getting charged as well.

Commissioner Solar stated that Concert Series expenses were only supposed to occur the one year that that Recreation Commission approved of the expenditure, and asked how this can occur without Commission approval.

Administrator Mendonca explained that there is still a line item within the Recreation Special Activity account.

Commissioner Solar stated that she does not understand how money can be taken out of Recreation accounts without the permission of the Commission.

Administrator Mendonca stated that he will confirm expenses with Human Services Manager.

Commission discussion ensued, and the Commission consensus was that these funds were not approved expenditures.

Administrator Mendonca stated that overall, the total cost for the Concert Series was approximately \$14,000.

Chair Crowley asked how many dates/bands this \$14,000 cost related to. Administrator Mendonca explained this was the total cost for one concert, which involved 2 bands, however also covered the cost of the band that was supposed to play on the first date, which was rained out.

Chair Crowley stated he was told this was going to be paid back, and stated that he asked Haberek specifically if Recreation was involved in that [Summer Concert Series], and was told no, don't worry about it.

Commissioner Solar stated that sponsors were supposed to be utilized to cover this cost.

Vice-Chair Prachniak stated the first year the First Selectman came to the Commission to request approval for expenditures, other than that he has not.

Administrator Mendonca reviewed all the costs related to the Summer Concert Series.

Chair Crowley stated that all of the charges should to be looked into.

Commissioner McKernan stated that this does not seem right.

Administrator Mendonca stated that he will review with Human Services Manager Leanne Theodore and the First Selectman.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Prachniak to accept the budget reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKernan, all in favor, motion approved.

IV. Communications

- a. Palmer Field – Youth Night/Rededication on October 11, 2013 @ 6pm

V. Programs

a. Summer

- Golf League = 10 Teams / 65 Participants
- Softball League = 5 Teams / 71 Participants
- Basketball - HS Boys & Girls Open Gym = 6 Teams
- Co-Ed Softball Open Play = 3 Teams / 31 Participants
- Summer Camp (Playground Program) = 171 Participants
- Babysitting Class = 9 Participants
- Basketball - Women's League = 6 Teams
- Tennis - Adult Co-Ed League = 4 Teams / 68 Participants
- Tennis – Beginning / Advanced Clinic = 16 Participants
- Soccer - HS Pre-Season Camp = 23 Participants
- Family Movie Nights = July 12th, 26th; August 2nd, 16th
- Quilting = 4 Participants
- Baby Boomers = 10 Participants
- Zumba = 12 Participants
- Zumba Toning = 4 Participants

b. Started in September

- Tennis: Youth Clinic Beginning / Advanced = 10
- Basketball: HS Girls Clinic / Open Gym
- Football: Youth Flag League = 38
- Soccer: Adult Coed 8v8 League = 4 Teams
- Baby Boomers = 10
- Zumba = 12
- Zumba Toning = 4
- Quilting = 4

c. Coming in October

- Archery: Intro Clinic
- Hooping
 - Adult
 - Youth
- Basketball: Men's Over 30
- Volleyball
 - Adult Coed League- Captains Meeting October 8th
 - Adult Clinic

VI. Recreation Administrator's Report

VII. Other Business

a. Field Hockey Program

b. Middle School Aged Programs

Discussion regarding programs available for middle school children during summer and school year.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

IX. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Commissioner McKernan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theadore, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



C. Michael Crowley, Chairman