

# Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2012

Attendees: Rick Lacrosse, Rich Gazoorian, Paul Pirozzi, Mary Cortese

Meeting started at 7:08 pm in Memorial School conference room

- Approved Minutes from November meeting
- Review of South Street defeat – each discussed input on the STM vote that defeated the South Street initiative. Feeling is that the idea of new property for additional fields in town is dead for time being and there does not appear to be reasonable solution for the foreseeable future.
- Current Facilities – Rich discussed possibility of having Stantec do an analysis on current fields/courts in town and provide proposal on what cost would be involved in bringing every existing facility up to “excellent” condition. There would be no cost for the evaluation and Stantec would ultimately be overseeing any rehabilitation that would take place. Committee agreed it was worth at least getting a price on this evaluation.
- Program Director Position – we reviewed the option of adding more than 20 hours/week for Mary’s current position. This option gets somewhat complicated as we would have to utilize a different revolving account that would require ALL monies from Rec Com to go into and we would lose some of the autonomy we currently have in place. Mary felt strongly that her hours will be diminished at Kids@Play in 2013 due to the new improvements that were implemented this past summer and she thinks the current 20 hours/week will work fine moving forward. We will leave “as is” and monitor closely in the coming year.
- Snack Shack – open discussion about adding a Snack Shack at either/both Kiwanis and Memorial Field while still keeping focus on gross revenue for the overall Rec Department as we are very close to the threshold of \$150k annually. We will continue discussing this and review options as all agree there is tremendous potential at both locations for a facility that could use DECA volunteers, BVT students, etc as a way to involve as many residents of Upton as possible.
- Cost of lighting maintenance at Memorial – Board voted to split the cost of the new bulb replacements with the Parks Dept for the basketball/tennis courts at Memorial. Total cost is around \$2,000 and we will let Parks know we will share that with them, per their request.
- Field Usage Requests – Mary has received some spring requests from Baseball (Memorial) and LAX (Memorial) and she is going to respond that all requests will be reviewed at end of February, so that all groups have time to submit usage request. She is also going to speak with DPW (Jeff) about LAX as we want to get input on what damage that will cause if they hold weekly camps on the field(s).
- Winter Hoop – may be going to just Thursday evening as the crowds on Tuesday have been very small. We will see what it looks like in January, but there have only been 2-3 people showing up on Tuesday and we can’t afford to staff if there is no participation.

- Pavilion – plans are coming along and Mary is still finalizing all permits required through the town. CPC is willing to consider CPA funding and we need to get back to them with specific \$ request and they will put to vote.
- Winter Programs – Mary reported all are set and doing well and the same group of instructors is on board for this session. Attendance remains strong!

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm and next meeting scheduled for January 10, 2013 at Memorial School