

# Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2013

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

Meeting started at 7:34 pm in Memorial School conference room

- Approved Minutes from January meeting
- Discussion of taking on Basketball Program for UYC – Rich is assessing through Blythe whether or not we can use the Parks Dept fund to allow for additional revenue to come in if we take on this program. Will have more details for us at the March meeting.
- Spring Field Usage Requests – Mary presented all of the field requests and Rec Com voted unanimously to support. Attached are specific details on requested/granted usage.
- Newtown Memorial Donation – was discussed as request had come through to Rec Com to support this initiative. We are unable to submit any financial charitable contributions based on our guidelines and Mary will explain to the organizers.
- Leland Field – Still pursuing the possibility of adding additional cameras to the back of the school building so we can monitor the fields/courts. Paul is going to get in touch with the School Director of Security and arrange for meeting/walk through with the security company so we can review all the options.
- Ramsey Building office makeover – Mary reported that Jose Porter and a friend have agreed to paint the office and, once all that work is completed, arrangements will be made to install the new carpeting.
- Pavilion – all moving along nicely and final support was granted during the Public Hearing at CPC meeting on Wed, February 6<sup>th</sup>. It will now be on the STM agenda in May and we are anticipating \$4k from CPA funding, \$4k from Upton Men's Club and \$4k from Rec Com, which accounts for projected amount needed to complete construction. Remain on schedule for fall completion.
- Swim Registration – after discussion it was determined that we are better off NOT handling this registration on line as Steve Kedski usually discusses details with the parents when they register their child in person. He needs to have this discussion to determine class level, swim experience, etc and it would be too difficult to gather this information without the personal conversation. Mary will confirm with Steve.
- Kids@Play 2013 – Agreed to keep rates at \$40/day and \$180/week and we also decided to offer a 10% payment discount for customers that pay @ time of registration on-line. This would dramatically reduce the amount of work that Mary needs to do with collecting of money and all agreed it was worthwhile to offer the incentive, which many other programs also offer. Mary has also started advertising for the Program as well as soliciting employment applications for Directors, Counselors and all necessary helpers. Will get an update in March but things are shaping up as we look towards another successful program this summer.

- Recreation Director, Mary Cortese, has been given a raise to \$24.50/hour and will be working 19.5 hours/week, for total of 975 hours/year and compensation of \$23,887.50. This information has been sent into to Personnel Board at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm and next meeting is Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in Memorial School Conference Room