

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, January 10, 2005

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez Kurt Schatz

Albert Musso

Alice Lavigne Nancy Binns-Town

Council Liaison

Guest: Bruce Pilling, Burrillville Little League

President

Absent: Al Low

David Marcotte-excused

Niki DeCubellis-Not sworn in by Town Council as

of meeting date

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of December 13, 2004 Regular Meeting postponed to next meeting date. Alice Lavigne made the motion to postpone the acceptance of the December 13, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Albert Musso. Motion passed 4-0.

Kurt Schatz, Chairman, requested a moment of silence be held in memory of Recreation Commission Member Juliette Lopez's husband, Mr. Louis Lopez.

Old Business:

Spring Lake Beach-Campground Criteria

The Director reviewed that the bid was awarded to Lucena Brothers for the construction of the new Spring Lake Campground with a completion date of April 2005.

2005 League Budget Requests

The Director reported that one request for an increase was received from Burrillville Junior Hockey. A meeting for the subcommittee will be scheduled for after the next Recreation Commission meeting regarding the budget requests. The Budget Board will meet with the Director regarding the department's budget requests on Wednesday, January 19th at 8:30 p.m. This meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, January 20th, but was a conflict with the Inter-local Trust dinner. The budget request report was shared with the commission for their review. In the Operating Budget there were three budget increase requests. Increases are for public utilities by \$1,000 for the fields and parks expense due to the expense of water and electric at the new town parks, irrigation at Hauser Field and an increase of \$500

for the recreation center public utilities.

The Capital Improvement Report was also reviewed with the commission. The first request is for a new utility vehicle for the department since the existing vehicles become obsolete after one year of use. The expansion of the Recreation Department office at the Recreation Center is also requested in the amount of \$50,000. The Director asked the finance department for what amount is available in the Recreation Center account to help with the needed funding of the expansion. The Director estimates the available balance to be approximately \$15,000.

Town Manager Michael Wood has also requested funding for the paving of the parking area at Hauser Field but it is still to be determined if this necessary. The Engineer for the Hauser Field project stated that with the new configuration and surfacing material, it might not be necessary for paving to be done. The Director and Town Manager met with Mr. Simpson, an abutting property owner to Hauser Field, to discuss complaints regarding the location of the restroom building and the installation of additional landscaping to assist with answering the complaint. Nancy Binns did communicate that over the past ten years complaints were made regarding the dust problem during the busier times at the field. The lights were also discussed and the Director reiterated that the lights will only be on during specific games.

Funding for the lights at the Branch River Park baseball field is

recognized in CIP, but will mostly likely be as a result of Grant Funds.

The five year Capital Improvement plan will be reviewed at the next commission meeting. Next year is the request for the resurfacing of the track at Branch River because there is another State of Rhode Island small grant round in the amount of \$25,000 for a match of \$25,000. The second small grant request for next year would be for the heating system at the Spring Lake Beach Recreation Hall for year round use. The only other funding request would be for a Teen/Senior Center.

Hauser Field/Branch River Project

The Director will keep the commission aware of the progress with an anticipated completion of spring 2005 except for the walking path. The walking path will be installed by the Department of Public Works pending the purchase of a new bobcat. The walking path will be completed the following fall.

Santa Calling

A card was shared with the commission from the parents of a child who had received a call from Santa. It will also be shared with the volunteers who played Santa.

NYSCA

Kevin Fox, President of the Youth Basketball League, stated he has only one or two new coaches. The Director stated she will try to connect with them herself for the training.

BEC Update

No new business.

Cristovaro Property

Kurt Schatz asked the status of the donation of property. The Director stated that she will be meeting with him to give him preliminary plans drawn up by Michael Weremay.

New Business:

Family Fair

By the end of January this year's Family Fair committee meetings will begin. The Director stated that B.O.S.A. will be taking a more active role in the planning process.

Block Booking

Block Booking through Rhode Island Recreation and Parks Association is scheduled to take place the first week of February. Last year there was a better turnout on Thursdays but recommended changing from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monies from this year's Duck Race and Road Race will go towards benches to be installed at Hauser Field playground and the new Skate Park to be located at Eccleston Field.

Easter Egg Hunt

The egg hunt is scheduled for March 19, 2005. Kurt Schatz suggested possibly postponing until after Easter.

Relay for Life

The Town council approved the use of Branch River Park again for this year's Relay for Life on June 24th and June 25th.

Kurt Schatz requested that on next months agenda it be discussed if a time change is needed for the monthly Recreation Commission Meeting.

Football Field

Due to Department of Environmental permitting, the field will not be ready next fall. As soon as the weather breaks, the Department of Public Works will begin their work.

Skate Park

Will be completed in the spring when the asphalt plants reopen.

Good and Welfare

Alice Lavigne reminded to add a new topic of “Good and Welfare” to each monthly agenda.

Adjacent property to Recreation Center

The Director reported that plans have not been submitted from the owner of the property adjacent to the Recreation Center, Mr. Swift.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0

Next Meeting: Monday, February 14th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

Workshop of the Subcommittee regarding League Budgets to follow.

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