

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, April 11, 2005

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez Nancy Binns-Town
Council Liaison**

Kurt Schatz Al Low

Alice Lavigne

Guest:

**Girl scout Leaders: Robin Menoche, Lynn Lamoureux and Ann
Dickey.**

**Girl scouts Troup #213: Beth Blanchard, Courtney Robin, Maegan
Robin, Alyssa Fiore, Jillian Menoche, Victoria LaRoche and Kelsey
Gateley.**

Girl scouts Troup #243: Kim Smith and Deana Perry

Boy scout Leader: Terry Normand

Boy scout: Matthew Normand

Bruce Pilling

Absent: David Marcotte and Albert Musso

Excused: Niki Decubellis Brown

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the

Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of March 14, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 5-0.

Guest:

Kurt Schatz moved the agenda item regarding the Girl scouts to address the Recreation Commission regarding their request for use of the Branch River Park. The Girl scouts addressed the commission regarding the use of Branch River Park for their Community Outdoor Day. A copy of the original request letter sent to Cheri Hall was given to each commission member. June 11th with a rain date of June 12th is being requested. The Girl scouts gave some history, details and purpose for the event, which was held previously at Camp Cookie.

Bruce Pilling was asked if this event would conflict with any planned events for Little League or Girl's Softball. He stated he could schedule around it if necessary.

The Director explained the regulations that would have to be addressed for any event to be held. Zoning would have to be contacted regarding a special use permit. Auxiliary power, portable toilets and police would have to part of the planning process for the event. Concerns regarding the timeline for the approval process for the event were also discussed.

Scout Leader Robin Menoche agreed that the event would not be feasible to be held in June at Branch River Park due to time restraints but felt it was a good experience for the scouts to come before the commission to present their plan. Other possible locations were discussed for a future location for the event.

Good and Welfare:

The Director thanked the commission members who came and assisted with this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Pictures are available for viewing on the town's website. An invitation was extended to the commission to attend this year's Earth Day event scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd with a meeting time of 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works Department.

Old Business:

The Director reported:

Spring Lake Beach

The plumber has been contacted for the water connection scheduled during the week of April 18th, along with the irrigation system at Branch River Park.

2005 League Budget Requests

A meeting of the Recreation Commission Subcommittee regarding League Budgets is scheduled this evening immediately following the Recreation Commission meeting. The Director has compiled spreadsheets including all the results of the questions asked of the leagues. This will assist with the creation of the formula to be utilized at an approximate allotment of \$20 per player for each league to receive equal funding.

Hauser Field/Branch River Project

The electrical connection by Pascoag Utility District is near completion. The safety netting will be installed during this week of April 11th. The target completion date for the restroom building is June. The Hauser fields will open during the week of April 18th. Plantings will be purchased from the Parks and Recreation grounds supply budget to accommodate abutting property owner Mr. Simpson's request to serve as a buffer near the restroom building. A park bench from the Road Race proceeds is being ordered and new graffiti remover for the playground equipment. Discussion regarding the use of the new lights will take place at a future meeting. The initial intent for the use of the lights was for special events, tournaments and one night a week. Bruce Pilling stated that the use of the lights during the week would enable the girl's softball to complete games on 2 to 3 nights per week during June between Tuesday through Thursday, but not past 9:00 p.m.

The request for the limited time frame usage of the lights should be presented to the Town Council for approval with members of the Recreation Commission present. Next will be the funding and installation for new lights at Branch River Park.

Concerts

Flyers will be ready the beginning of May regarding the summer concert series.

Relay for Life

Tomorrow night Relay for Life will be on the Zoning Board agenda with a possible five year renewal. Currently there are twenty-six teams registered for the Burrillville race. Last year there were a total of thirty teams registered including fourteen from CVS which are not participating in Burrillville this year. The next Relay for Life meeting is this Thursday, April 14th.

Family Fair

A Family Fair committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, April 12th at 8:30 a.m. to finalize plans for this year's Family Fair scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. The Director displayed the teddy bears donated by B.O.S.A.P. for the Teddy Bear Parade, shirts, Mardi Gras

balloons and coins being utilized as food coupons.

Land Acquisition

The land discussed previously for the bike path and railroad is currently being appraised. Quotes were sought for the lowest appraisal price. This will be utilized for the upcoming State of Rhode Island Open Space grant round.

Grant Rounds

The State of Rhode Island Trails and Greenways grant round in June 2005 will be utilized for the purchase of a new Bobcat to complete the walking path at Hauser Field and numerous other uses.

Proposed Budget

Nothing new to report as of the time of the meeting.

Skate Park

The skate park equipment is scheduled for installation on May 2nd. The installation of the extension to the existing pad at Eccleston Field for the life flight will have to be installed in the front of the paved area versus the back due to baseball foul line clearance.

Paul Conway will be clearing and filling the cracks and the

Department of Public Works will be filling the front area and completing the needed asphalt.

Coaches Training

Al Low reported the training went well with eight new coaches being trained. Al Low requested a new Fast Pitch Softball tape be introduced. It was recommended that future training begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow for dismissal by 8:00 p.m.

Senior Swim

The Senior Swim program is currently taking place each Wednesday at the YMCA. Scheduling is handled through the Parks and Recreation Department with funding from B.O.S.A.P.

Shippee Bridge

The State of Rhode Island Department of Fish and Wildlife responded on the request for the parcel of land to be utilized for a new park area near Shippee Bridge. A future meeting will be set up to discuss the plans.

New Business:

Snakes Alive Road Race

The Road Race is scheduled for October 16th at 11:30 a.m.

Duck Race

The Duck Race is scheduled for August 7, 2005 at Shippee Bridge at 2:00 p.m.

Summer Programming

Summer flyers will be given at next month's Recreation Commission meeting. The tennis program flyer was shared with the commission. Family Fair flyers were distributed to the commission for displaying.

Summer programming includes the Basketball camp, Baseball camp, Skyhawks basketball and football camp, dance camp, art lessons, junior police academy, safe sitter program and more.

New England Training Institute

The Director will be attending the New England Training Institute from May 1st through May 3rd in Vermont.

Banners

Pat Mehtens suggested the replacement of the "Burrillville the Place

to Be” banners with new banners. The Director suggested the use of the existing brackets to avoid the process for the installation of new brackets on each pole and just to propose the replacement of the banners themselves. A proposal will be submitted to the Recreation Commission regarding the use of the existing poles and brackets in the near future. They will seek funding from the Town.

A motion was made by Juliette Lopez for the Director to submit the letter regarding the lights to the Town Council requesting permission for the usage of the lights at Hauser Field. No second taken.

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Al Low. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

Workshop of the Subcommittee regarding League Budgets met after the meeting.

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