

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, June 13, 2005**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director   Juliette Lopez   Niki Decubellis Brown  
Kurt Schatz   Al Low                      Al Musso  
Alice Lavigne   Dave Marcotte   Alan Gerew - Alternate**

**Guest: Bruce Pilling**

**Excused: Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison**

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

**Minutes of May 9, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 6-0.**

**Good and Welfare:**

**The Director reported that a total of 22 teams have signed up to participate in this year's Relay for Life to date.**

**Marc St. Pierre approached David Marcotte regarding the paving of the helicopter life flight area at Eccleston Field next to the skate park. The Director reported that funding for the skate park project is already depleted, but Mr. St. Pierre could look into other funding sources from his organization and the town could assist with their paving contractor.**

**Bruce Pilling was thanked by the commission for his invaluable assistance during the development of league appropriations by the sub-committee.**

**Old Business: The Director reported:**

**Spring Lake Beach**

**The Town Council has reinstated the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Spring Lake Beach Facility.**

**League Budgets Requests – take place at the close of regular meeting.**

**Hauser Field**

**Restroom landscaping has been delayed, awaiting the sewer commission approval for connection. With the summer upon us, landscaping will be delayed until Fall.**

## **Grant Roads**

**One more quote is being sought for the Bobcat before the application will be submitted by month's end. The Bobcat will be utilized for the completion of the Hauser Field walking path, the Downtown Pascoag River Walk and future park maintenance. Additionally, a grant will be submitted for improvements to the River Walk.**

## **Shippee Bridge**

**Awaiting approval from Department of Transportation for the beautification of the Shippee Bridge area.**

## **Adopt-A-Duck**

**The Director requested the status of the sale of the Adopt-A-Duck tickets by the Recreation Commission members. Niki DeCubbelis Brown stated she has sold a few tickets with money to be turned in the near future for the duck race scheduled for August 7, 2005. Donations are split between Rhode Island Children's Cancer Fund, Rhode Island Sight Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department. Renee Cardon is building a new duck shoot for the race.**

**Last year's proceeds were utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department for four new park benches, two at the new Skate Park and**

**two for Hauser Field. Last year's Road Race proceeds were utilized to purchase two new basketball hoops at the skate park.**

### **Cristafavoia Property**

**The Director met with Mr. Cristafavoia last week, along with the Town Planner and the Building Official. The final outcome of the meeting was the down scaling of the project due to zoning codes to fifteen single family homes versus the much larger project originally proposed. The Town Planner stated that the zoning district is not lacking in recreational properties which already houses the Little League complex.**

**It's agreed that more fields are needed. David Marcotte stated that this is where the available land is even though it might not be the ideal location. The monies from the sale of the houses would be utilized for the new recreational facility. An alternative for use of this land due to the nature of the property, which includes farm land and trails, might be riding stables under the control of the town.**

### **Spring Lake Beach Campground**

**The campground is near completion with picnic tables and trash barrels to be installed in the near future. Gates and stone pillars are complete with the Department of Public Works to finish the parking area this coming week. A chain with a "Not A Public Access" sign**

**being displayed.**

## **Skate Park**

**Some problems are being addressed regarding the use of the park. The Burrillville Police Department and Recreation Commission member Juliette Lopez has been assisting with these issues.**

## **New Business:**

### **Community Recreation Sign**

**The Director is seeking other quotes for a new sign at the Burrillville Community Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge). Road Race funds might possibly be utilized for the new sign.**

## **BEC**

**The BEC item will back on the Town Council agenda at the end of July meeting. This is for the current three full time employees of BEC to become town employees.**

## **RI Foundation Grant**

**Notification of the awarding of a \$2,500 Rhode Island Foundation grant for the new Junior Police Academy has been received. The program can possibly be extended into the fall. Each summer week**

**the group will have different activities including CPR training, First Aid training, Safe Sitter class and visits to District Court for a mock trial, Police Command Center, Adult Correctional Facility, etc.**

## **Computers**

**Eight computers were donated for BEC. A letter has been sent to Microsoft for the operating system to run the Pentium III's. These computers will be utilized for homework and will not be connected to the Internet.**

## **BOSAP**

**B.O.S.A.P.'s assessment stated more programs of this type should be offered to the youth. Consequently, B.O.S.A.P. will be donating \$3,500 for the program.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Al Low. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 11th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.**

**Joint League Meeting regarding League Budgets was held at 7:30 p.m.**

**Members present from Burrillville Junior Hockey, Burrillville Figure**

## **Skating, Little League**

**Burrillville Figure Skating:**

**Shelly Tatro**

**Mr. & Mrs. St.Pierre**

**James Baillargeon**

**Morris Merchant**

**Alan Shuman**

**Jon Nanni**

**Lisa Tacchereau**

**Rebecca Kaplan**

**Janice Kaplan**

**Lilian Jerome**

**Burrillville Junior Hockey League: Brigitte Buxton**

**Little League/Girl's softball: Bruce Pilling**

**Chairman Kurt Schatz explained to the leagues that the commission has formulated the appropriation to the individual leagues. The formula is based on \$20.00 per resident participant, with an additional amount budgeted to each league according to the ratio of their expenses to the whole budget for the league.**

**Burrillville Figure Skating expressed concern that the amount that they will receive will greatly impact their ability to operate this year. They requested a reconsideration and assistance from the Commission. A lengthy discussion followed in reference to changes that the organization can make to increase their revenues. It was**

**voted by the Commission to have the sub-committee meet and make a decision on how to assist Burrillville Figure Skating with their budget.**

**Joint meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.**

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