

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, August 9, 2005**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director**

**Juliette Lopez**

**Kurt Schatz**

**Dave Marcotte**

**Alice Lavigne**

**Niki Decubellis Brown**

**Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison**

**Guest: -----**

**Absent: Al Musso**

**Excused: Al Low**

**Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Spring Lake Beach Facility.**

**Minutes of July 11, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Juliette Lopez. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Good and Welfare:**

**None**

**Old Business: The Director reported:**

**Spring Lake Beach**

**The campground is still awaiting completion.**

**Hauser Field**

**A request from Girls Softball for a fall program was received which would include running the lights at Hauser Field. A fall program has never been offered but will run for approximately four to five weeks. Dave Marcotte questioned the costs associated with running the lights. The first bill for use of the lights for May and June was for \$1,100. The Parks and Recreation does not have the funding to pay for the use of the lights. Little League did absorb the bill for May and June.**

**Motion made by David Marcotte that any costs associated with utilizing the lights at night at Hauser Field will fall back on the leagues who are utilizing the lights. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Bruce Pilling also stated that all the lights at Hauser Field are not needed. He recommended that some of the lights could be better utilized at Branch River Park. This would help fulfill the plans to place lighting at Branch River. Kurt Schatz stated that it might not be cost effective to move them since most of the costs for lighting is for the installation. The extra lights at Hauser Field might also be needed for future tournaments. Funding is not available at this time and will be sought for Branch River lighting in the future.**

### **Adopt-A-Duck**

**There were 300 ducks adopted and a good time had by all. Approximately \$1,100 was raised for both the Burrillville Lions Club and the Parks and Recreation Department. Since these funds were not earmarked, the Director suggested possibly taking the 2005 Duck Race and 2005 Road Race proceeds to hold a fireworks display on July 4th at Spring Lake Beach.**

**The Spring Lake neighbors and staff requested the fireworks. Food, entertainment, fire and police would be part of the event. Alice Lavigne stated as a former member of the Burrillville Arts Festival committee, last years fireworks display cost approximately \$2,500 and was funded through Ocean State Power grant funds. Dave Marcotte questioned how many people could be allowed and if bussing would be needed to transport from another location for**

**additional parking. A committee could be formed to address cost issues, parking issues etc. Niki Decubellis Brown stated that a donation parking fee could help absorb the costs involved and to keep track of the number of cars. It would be advertised as limited parking with a parking donation requested. The Director will investigate the costs involved and forward a memo to the Town Council.**

**The Director will be attending the Bicentennial Committee meeting and will recommend making the summer entertainment series and the possible Spring Lake Beach July 4th fireworks display as part of the Bicentennial festivities.**

## **BEC**

**The Town Council BEC workshop went well and the BEC item will be on the August 24, 2005 Town Council agenda. A new BEC middle school program is in the works for this fall and was introduced at the Town Council workshop.**

## **Broadway Bound Musical Theatre Camp**

**The Director attended the Friday show held after the two week camp with approximately thirty children participating. The show was open to the public and was very impressive.**

## **New Business:**

### **Snakes Alive Road Race**

**The race is coming up on October 9th with press and planning in its final stages.**

## **New Programming:**

### **Square Dancing**

**Square Dancing is coming to the Recreation Center this fall. Flyers were shared with the commission.**

### **Middle School Program**

**So far there are seven middle schoolers signed up with approximately twenty being sought. This new program is being called A.S.A.P. (After School Assistance Program) to include tutoring and mentoring Monday through Thursday and will be held following each school day from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. Fridays will be there fun day. The cost is only \$5 per day for each student. This might also allow more students to play sports since they will have a place to go after the sports are finished until they can be picked up at 5:15 p.m.**

## **Camp Mauchatea**

**During the first week of August the Neighbors Newspaper had some great publicity on Camp Mauchatea's visit on August 1st to Spring Lake Beach through the Rhode Sight Foundation. There were 35 children and 22 counselors. With a ticket, each child could get an ice cream and soda provided by Juliette Lopez. A buffet provided by Serios Pizzarama was also offered. One of the beach staff took the campers on paddle boat rides and John Bateman gave tokens for the Arcade. At the same time, the Spring Lake Beach Sand Castle Contest was held with the campers receiving 2nd place. The Lions Club wanted to extend a "thank you" to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission for the wonderful day.**

## **Halloween Party**

**Juliette Lopez asked if a Halloween Party could be brought back through the Parks and Recreation Department. The Director reported that the Town Manager stated that she has a tendency to be overextended. Consequently, if someone else wanted to take on the task, that would be welcomed. The Police Department had taken on the task for two years and Parks and Recreation Department held it the previous two years, including bus trips to a Halloween display. Additional staffing or an Assistant would be needed to take on more programming. The Director and Dave Marcotte will contact the Police**

**Department regarding this issue.**

### **Spring Lake Beach Shading**

**Alice Lavigne reiterated the need for more shading at the beach. The Director stated that a shade structure similar to the new one behind Steere Farm Elementary School is being sought.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Juliette Lopez. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.**

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