

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, October 11, 2005

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez Al Gerew-Alternate

Kurt Schatz Dave Marcotte

Alice Lavigne Niki Decubellis Brown

Al Low Al Musso

Guest: -----

Absent: Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of September 12, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Al Low. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 7-0.

Good and Welfare:

The Director announced that Recreation Commission member Niki Decubellis Brown will attend her last meeting in November. She is relocating to Arizona. The Recreation Commission wished her well.

The Director also announced she is going to be grandma again. Her daughter Tammy and her husband are expecting their first child.

Old Business: The Director reported:

Spring Lake Beach

A group of scouts and their leaders will be utilizing the new campground this Friday, October 15th to Saturday, October 16th. They will be painting the numbers on the site markers and cleaning any rubbish. Tom Emidy is building the 10 new picnic tables. The new tables will be placed at Spring Lake Beach and the older tables will be utilized at the campground. The campground parking area has been cleaned up and ready for use.

The Spring Lake Beach final report, including both the income and expenses, demonstrated a net profit of over \$40,000. It was a very busy and successful season. Wages were increased from prior years to compensate for the elevated attendance. The income is being targeted for new lifeguard boats and the winterization of the Spring Lake Beach Champlin Recreation Hall. David Marcotte questioned if the profits are kept separate from other town funds. The Director

stated the funds are combined with general town funds but the money is identified for Spring Lake Beach as an enterprise account.

Michael Jones of Mike's Plumbing and Numa Drilling who winterizes the Spring Lake Beach facility will be investing the well situation if the Recreation Hall is to be winterized in the near future. Michael Weremay, the engineer of the Spring Lake Beach renovation project, stated a separate well would be ideal for the one building.

Hauser Field

An update regarding the new Bobcat equipment grant application applied to the State of Rhode should be coming next week.

The Parks and Recreation Department received another bill over \$500 from the Pascoag Utility District for lighting at Hauser field. Bruce Pilling was contacted and stated that the lights were not used during July and August. However, an employee at Pascoag Utility District stated she witnessed the lights being utilized. David Marcotte stated he also witnessed the lights being utilized when no one is at the field. Al Low said he saw the lights on at 4:00 p.m. on his way home from work one day also. Only one key was given to Bruce Pilling for the light timer. If any other key copies are given out, it should be noted. It was suggested the lock be changed to a non-duplicateable key to be signed out at the Parks and Recreation office. The Director will recheck to make sure the light timers are off now.

BEC

The Public Hearing for Burrillville Extended Care ordinance changes are on the agenda for the Town Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th. Parks and Recreation has been managing the Burrillville Extended Care program for nine years. In 2002 the Town Council adopted a resolution making the Burrillville Extended Care a division of the Parks and Recreation Department. The ordinance change would recognize the three Burrillville Extended Care full time employees be included under the town's benefit package. This would not impact the tax payer because BEC will reimburse the town for any expenses that would be incurred. If in the future the BEC program was not self sufficient for any reason, then Town Council has the option to discontinue the program and employees. The entire ordinance was posted in the Providence Journal and the Woonsocket Call.

The BEC middle school (ASAP) program is going well. After the first quarter, it will be reviewed if any other students might benefit from the tutoring aspect of the new program and paid by the school to fulfill the "no child left behind" act.

Snakes Alive Road Race

There were 68 participants including 9 walkers at this year's Snakes Alive Road Race. Next year the walkers will be timed too. It was cold but the race went well. George's Pizza donated 10 pizzas, restroom use and a place for the timers to work. A thank you letter will be sent to each of the contributors and the volunteers. Over \$2,000 was raised to make a total of \$5,000 for a 4th of July fireworks display at Spring Lake Beach to celebrate the Bicentennial in 2006.

Track Resurfacing

Quotes are currently being sought for the resurfacing of the Branch River Park track. A State of Rhode Island small grant round will be announced soon to fund projects \$50,000 or less. The Town Manager did plan for the matching fund at part of the next fiscal budget for 2006/2007.

Signs

Quotes are currently being sought for the new Campground sign and a new Recreation Center sign.

Levy Rink

Niki Decubellis Brown questioned the status of a the Town Council possibly doing a walk through of the Levy Community Rink. The

Director reported that Nancy Binns was going to handle the scheduling of the walk through. Al Gerew reported there is mold growing on the walls of the rink. The Director will report the mold to the Facilities Manager of the School Department.

A parent came in with a problem with the Burrillville Junior Hockey League taking out of town players versus in town players. The travel team is based on ability and the child was not picked due to his lower ability.

An answer to the question regarding the compensation for an alternated member of a board or commission taking affect when the alternate member takes the place of a regular member is still being investigated.

Mr. Bouley regarding the railroad project will be applying to the Rhode Island Foundation for funding.

New Business:

Christmas Programming:

Santa on the Town Common

Al Low will be Santa again this year for the Santa on the Town Common event scheduled for December 3, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

(rain/snow date of December 10, 2005).

Victorian Holiday Celebration

The Parks and Recreation Department will also help the Downtown Pascoag and Neighborhood Association with the Victorian Holiday Celebration scheduled for November 26th.

Santa Calling

Santa will be calling from December 15th to the 18th for the children that register.

Skate Park

An e-mail was received from the Town Manager regarding the trash problem at the skate park. The Director did man the park and relayed the problem to the kids and if it continues the park will go away. All the football players assisted in the clean up. The Director recommended relocating the trash cans. Chuck Boucher will also be contacted to relay the problem. Dave Marcotte suggested having local businesses, which would ordinarily have skateboarders on their property, having a hand in the clean up.

Callahan Playground

The principal of the Callahan Elementary School Karen Ostroff regarding new playground equipment was received by the Director. Approximately \$50,000 has already been raised for the equipment. The playground will be placed behind the school on the left. The school, BEC and the general public will utilize the equipment. A problem with BEC utilizing the playground equipment behind Steere Farm Elementary School is being addressed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0.

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

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