

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, February 13, 2006

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Dave Marcotte Kurt Schatz, Chairman
 Al Gerew Al Low Nancy Binns-Town Council
Liaison Juliette Lopez**

Guest: -----

Absent: Al Musso

Excused: Alice Lavigne

Meeting called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of January 9 2006 Regular Meeting were accepted. Kurt Schatz made note that when votes are taken, the Chairman does not vote and should not be included as a voting member in the future. Motion to accept made by Al Gerew. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 4-0.

Good and Welfare:

The Director reported that a letter was received from the New England Recreation and Parks Association for her nomination for the Trapazzo Award. Nominations are submitted on a state level and then forwarded to the New England level to be awarded in April. Information regarding professional affiliations and offices held, awards received, educational background, programming responsibilities focusing on a particular program implemented by the Director. Burrillville Extended Care will be the program selected to be focused upon. The information will be submitted by the deadline set of Thursday, February 16, 2006.

The Director and the Co-Directors of Burrillville Extended Care will be making a presentation demonstrating “How to start an After School Program” at the New England Training Institute to take place in Newport on April 3rd and 4th.

Correspondence:

Recreation Commission Chairman Kurt Schatz reported the receipt of a letter of notification regarding the Awarding of the bid to Anabelle’s Ice Cream for the Spring Lake Beach Restaurant and Ice Cream Building and John Bateman for the Spring Lake Beach Arcade.

Official notification of the appointment of Al Gerew to the Recreation

Commission was received by the Recreation Commission Chairman Kurt Schatz. No information has been received to date for the appointment of an alternate to the Recreation Commission.

Old Business: The Director reported:

NYSCA

Al Low reported that the training held January 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. went very well with a younger group of coaches being certified. The Director stated that the minimum age is 16 years old to be a certified coach. Any 15 year olds who took the training were notified that the training was a great informational session for them but they would have to wait until the age of 16 for official coach's certification training.

The next training is scheduled for March 16, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 88 in preparation for the upcoming Little League and Softball season. The flyers for the upcoming training will be forwarded to Bruce Pilling and Steve Pichie of the Burrillville Little League and Softball Association.

Spring Lake Campground-D.E.M. Extension

The Director reported that an extension letter was received from the Department of Environmental Management for the Spring Lake Beach

Campground project.

A request to utilize the new Spring Lake Beach Campground for one night was received from the Celiac Foundation. Since the fee structure has yet to be determined, the Director was questioning the Recreation Commission what this non-profit group should be charged.

A porta-john will be installed for the spring and summer season but there is concern regarding vandalism. Al Low reported that Little League installed a cement slab which allowed for the porta-john to be bolted down to try and avoid vandalism.

David Marcotte questioned if the new campground has been publicized or advertised in any way. The Director stated that there is still work needing completion before the campground is fully open to the public. It will be listed on the town website, brochures and the Bugle.

A motion was made by David Marcotte to establish a \$10 fee per night per site for the new Spring Lake Campground with the right to waive the fee if necessary for non-profit groups. Seconded by Al Gerew.

Motion passed 4-0.

DEM Grant Application

The Director reported a grant application for resurfacing the track has

been submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. The committee has not been called for any meeting dates as of yet. The Town Planner submitted a grant originally for Recreational Development but has since changed the request to Historic Restoration for Downtown Pascoag rehabilitation. The awarding of the grants will take place in April 2006.

Budgets (2006/2007)

The Director reviewed with the Recreation Commission the budget requests submitted to the Budget Board. The requests for increases were primarily for utility increases. The Budget Board stated that it is not probable that the monies requested for the expansion of the Parks and Recreation office will be given due to such tight budget restraints at this time.

League Budgets

The Director stated that the allocation for League Budget funding will have to take place after the Budget Board makes its recommendation for Recreation Program funds. The submittal needed from Little League for budget information has been received.

Spring Lake Beach Bids

The awarding of the bids was previously mentioned under

“Correspondence”.

New Business:

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny has been contacted for the Saturday, April 8th event.

Family Fair

Regular planning meetings have been ongoing for the Family Fair scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. Arrangements have been made for the alternate rain location to be the Burrillville Middle School. School Facilities Manager Gordon Richardson has been contacted regarding janitorial arrangements.

Relay for Life

Regular planning meetings have been ongoing for the A.C.S. Relay for Life event scheduled for June 23rd and 24th at the Branch River Park track. The Director will address the Zoning Board on February 14th for permission with a letter to be forwarded to the Town Council thereafter. A five year approval is being sought.

Block booking

A copy of the block booking summer concert series was reviewed by the commission. Mark Brizard has once again agreed to make a donation of \$250 to the concert series in memory of Holly Brizard. Letters for donation requests have been forwarded to local businesses. Ocean State Power usually donates \$500 for the series but not sure if will be donating this year. Burrillville Extended Care will also contribute to the Spring Lake Beach entertainment since the camp children will be in attendance. The Bicentennial Committee will be requested to donate to the concert series since the concerts are being included in the Bicentennial Celebration.

B.E.C.

The information submitted to the Budget Board included Burrillville Extended Care statistics this year.

Programming:

Step/Sculpt

A new step aerobics class has been added to the programming with a great response of over 15 students attending.

Monthly Calendar

The February monthly Recreation Program calendar was shared with the commission members.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Juliette Lopez. Seconded by David Marcotte. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

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