

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, September 11, 2006

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez

Kurt Schatz, Chair Alan Gerew

Alice Lavigne Vice Chair David Marcotte

Guest: Joan Cote - Co-Chair Relay for Life

Absent: Al Low and Al Musso

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairperson, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of August 15, 2006 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: American Cancer Society

Following the last Recreation Commission meeting, the Director sent a letter to the American Cancer Society of behalf of the Recreation

Commission addressing the concerns over the last couple of relays. American Cancer Society Regional Director Paula Montgomery met with the Director and Recreation Commission members Alice Lavigne and David Marcotte. The American Cancer Society has requested to meet with Recreation Commission to try and rectify the situation. David Marcotte voiced concern over the time schedule since there is limited time to have them meet with the commission and bring it before the Zoning Board and Town Council for a 2007 event. Instead it was suggested to wait until 2008 as per the vote taken by the Recreation Commission in August 2006. The Director stated the resurfacing of the Branch River track will be taking place in the spring of 2007 and could affect usage for the relay. The Recreation Commission would welcome the American Cancer Society to come to a meeting to voice their plan of action. Joan Cote stated that she would prefer to keep the event in Burrillville but agrees that the American Cancer Society would have to rectify the concerns. Juliette Lopez stated that an event could be held in the future to possibly benefit another worthwhile organization.

John Bateman

A letter was received by the Director from John Bateman and was received and filed.

Chairman Kurt Schatz received notification of term expirations for

Recreation Commission members Al Low and Al Musso. Copies were forwarded to Al Low and Al Musso. The Director will respond regarding attendance records of both members.

Good and Welfare:

David Marcotte was approached by Callahan School Principal David Brissette regarding problems with glass on the skate park, early morning usage and skateboarders using profanity. High School football coach Steve Pichie also complained the skateboarders have been yelling at the football players. The Director stated contact will be made to Police Chief Colonel Gannon and other fellow police officers regarding enforcement of the rules of the skate park. If necessary, David Marcotte questioned if the skate park equipment could be moved but then the skateboarders would move to another non-skateboarding location.

Old Business:

Spring Lake-Seasonal Report

The Director distributed the final season report for the Spring Lake Beach Facility demonstrating an increase of more the \$2,000 more profit than last year. It was noted that the \$8,000 income from boat rentals was split with Blackstone Canoe and Kayak. The question of purchasing our own boats at \$2,400 to \$3,000 each to allow for total profit to the beach. Wages were slightly more but Dawn's salary in the Parks and Recreation office is being paid from Spring Lake

Beach. A comparison from year 2000 to 2006 was completed demonstrating the ongoing increase in profit, noting that in 2003 admission fees changed from \$2.50 for non-residents and \$1 for children to \$3.00 for non-residents and \$1.50 for residents and children for daily admission (except children under 2 free). Resident and non-resident admissions have both increased. Juliette Lopez questioned how a tenant at the beach can give input how the operation of the beach is done when it has been stated that the tenants are making a profit themselves. Greg Cornell stated he will not be coming back to the beach next year in a supervisory position.

Blackstone Canoe Trail

The Director noted the Burrillville Canoe has been moved to the front of the Town Hall, since the program runs until the end of October where if you have a picture with each participating community's canoe, you could win a canoe as part of the Blackstone Canoe Trail.

92 North Main Street Building

The Director hired Jose Recino for \$975 to install the tile and wall covering for the downstairs at the new 92 North Main Street Parks and Recreation offices. Another quote was received for \$3,700.

Signs

The new Recreation Center sign was installed. The Spring Lake Campground sign should be installed this week.

Field Use Fees

The Director suggested the Recreation Commission begin working on the Field Use Fees at the next meeting.

Track Resurfacing

Requests for bids were advertised with the bid opening on Wednesday, September 20th. This would allow submission for approval at the September 27th Town Council meeting.

Road Race

Flyers were shared with the Recreation Commission for the October 8th Bicentennial 5K Snakes Alive Road Race. Registration forms are on the website. Any Recreation Commission members are welcome to volunteer the day of the race. Walkers are at 10:30 a.m. and runners at 11:30 a.m. with trophies to both the runners and walkers. An e-mail invitation was sent to all the town employees stating that the first ten employees to register would receive a Bicentennial mug. Donation letters have been distributed by the department and local

volunteers.

Ocean State Power

A \$2,300 grant has been submitted to Ocean State Power to assist in the funding of the Shippie Bridge Park. The State of Rhode Island has already committed to \$20,700 but the remaining ten percent still needs funding. The scouts are devising a plan for the new park. Department of Public Works will assist with in-kind services to help clear and seed the area for the picnic benches to be installed. The Town Council will be requested to allow for the naming of the new park to be the Louis Bleiweis Memorial Park.

Johnny the K Concert

The Johnny the K Concert had been rescheduled twice due to rain and is now rescheduled for the Family Fair in May 2007.

New Business:

NRPA

The Director will be attending the annual National Parks and Recreation Conference in Seattle Washington the week of October 9th through 13th. There will be over 500 vendors and workshops throughout each day.

Relay Meeting

The representative from the American Cancer Society will visit at the next Recreation Commission meeting and will be listed on the October agenda.

Hauser Field

The bobcat has been purchased in conjunction with the Department of Public Works to assist with the last phase of the Hauser Field Project to install the walking track to allow for reimbursement from the State of Rhode Island.

Family Fair

For the upcoming year and possibly the following year, the Family Fair will be relocated to Branch River Park and the Burrillville Middle School due to road construction by the Department of Transportation near the A.T. Levy and Town Common area.

Directors Vacation

The Director will be on vacation in Mexico during the week of October 23rd with Dawn Bailey to assist in the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Director distributed October monthly calendars and quarterly newsletters to the Recreation Commission members.

Kurt Schatz questioned the light timers not coming on early enough. Pascoag Utility will be contacted to assist in adjusting the timers.

Alan Gerew requested his phone number be removed from the flyers as the contact for the Burrillville Junior Hockey League and updated to the new Burrillville Junior Hockey President's phone number.

Lifeline Screening

The Director distributed flyers advertising the Lifeline Screening being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department by appointment on October 16th at the Recreation Center.

Spring Lake Campground

Juliette Lopez questioned the usage of the Spring Lake campground. The Director stated the campground is being utilized by a group the weekend of the September 22nd and will assist with necessary cleanup.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council

Chambers.

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