

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, July 9, 2007**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director     Juliette Lopez-Recinos**

**Al Gerew, Vice Chair     Susan Sgambato (Alternate Member)**

**Alice Lavigne, Secretary**

**Michael Karmozyn-Town Council Liaison**

**Dave Marcotte**

**Absent: L. Kevin McDonald**

**Excused: Kurt Schatz, Chair and Al Low**

**Guests: -----**

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Al Gerew, Vice Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.**

**Minutes of June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by David Marcotte. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Correspondence:**

**The Director reported a letter was received by Chair Kurt Schatz from Laura Raymond requesting the department's assistance regarding a project to hold a 5K Road Race in Burrillville. The Director spoke with Laura Raymond regarding the possible conflict because the Parks & Recreation Department already holds a 5K Road Race each October. The Director suggested that a 5K Walk be held versus a 5K run but Laura stated she is a runner and prefers to hold a 5K run. The Director stated she would bring the information before the Recreation Commission but if Laura was to hold the race on her own, a lot of preparation and outside support would be needed. The Director then suggested that a race in the spring might be an alternative versus in the fall when the department holds their race.**

**David Marcotte stated he would contact Laura Raymond regarding the project to possibly offer as an alternative a town volleyball program.**

**The Director reported that the summer volleyball camp did not have many signing up. David Marcotte reported that the week of the camp conflicts with a lot of other volleyball camps being offered in Rhode Island. Next year the week will be scheduled to avoid conflicts.**

**David Marcotte stated he will be contacting Brian Brissette regarding the Burrillville Parks & Recreation sponsored MVP Baseball Camp to offer his assistance if needed.**

## **Good & Welfare:**

**The Director and the Recreation Commission welcomed Susan Sgambato as a new Alternate of the Recreation Commission.**

**The Director reminded the commission that the August Recreation Commission meeting is always held at the Spring Lake Beach Facility at the Dining Pavilion. The date is Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.**

**The Director stated that Pat Mehrtens has comprised a Burrillville Bicentennial DVD that will be shown at the July Town Council meeting. Pat Mehrtens has donated the DVD rights to the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department. On the back of the DVD packaging it will read "Produced by Pat Mehrtens with rights given to the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department. DVD's are available for purchase at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Department Office."**

**The Director stated the DVD includes such events as Bicentennial parade, band concert, fireworks etc. Information for ordering the packaging was also forwarded to the Director from Pat Mehrtens. A copy will be donated to the library and town hall to be rented out by the community. The DVD price will be to cover the packaging costs.**

**David Marcotte wanted to know what the mowing schedule is for the**

**town softball fields because there have been a lot of complaints regarding the grass height. The Director reported that there has been a lot more parks and fields added to the summer crews mowing schedule but no more employees have been added. The Director stated she will contact the Department of Public Works regarding the mowing schedule.**

**Old Business:**

**Sub-committee report**

**The Director reported that the Sub-committee met and shared with the commission a copy of the current Park Ordinance. The Director reviewed with the commission that currently a change to the Park Ordinance to change the park closing time to dusk along with the addition of a fine for those who violate the alcohol on town property ordinance.**

**The Ordinance Sub-committee reviewed the changes and recommended that the Recreation Commission Sub-committee review the entire ordinance. The Director reviewed a copy of the new Recreation Commission Sub-committee recommended changes. The 16.3 C Ordinance change is regarding the instituting of the park closing time to dusk and the fine for any violation of the no alcohol policy on town property. Item 16.4 was revisited by the Recreation Commission Sub-committee which already included “no swimming or**

**bathing” but is recommending the addition of “no off road vehicles allowed”. David Marcotte stated that Coventry is looking into offering its own area for off road vehicles. On the next page of the recommended changes is the establishing of a fee structure for the use and maintenance of the Burrillville Recreational facilities. On the Burrillville based leagues the fee could be waived if they provide maintenance or needed supplies.**

**Alice Lavigne questioned the one time \$40 light usage fee per field covering the costs involved. The Director stated that the actual cost per field has not been determined but the \$40 amount was comprised from reviewing other town fee structures and then raised it from their \$25 amount to try an estimate the actual cost from the local utility company.**

**The Director stated a change was made due to non-town usage could not be more than double the fee charged to Burrillville residents. Al Gerew mentioned the deposit requirement being added for the one time field usage to assure to the maintenance of the fields.**

**During the Budget Meetings the Town Council had mentioned the possible implementation of such fees to help offset the rising costs for field maintenance. Once the Recreation Commission approves the changes, the recommendations will be forwarded the Ordinance Committee. The Ordinance Subcommittee might then request a workshop with the Recreation Commission to review the recommended changes before forwarding the information to the**

## **Town Council.**

**Susan Sgambato questioned if there might be any public outrage regarding the recommended ordinance changes regarding the new fee structure since there wasn't any fees charged previously. The Director stated that the leagues have been made aware of the recommended changes but were made aware that any maintenance offered would assist in offsetting said fees. David Marcotte reported that Men's Softball might have a problem with the new fee structure and any residents who want to walk their pets after dark in the parks or fields might complain.**

**A motion was made by David Marcotte to forward the recommended ordinance changes to the Ordinance Committee. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 4-0.**

## **Budgets**

**The Director reported that the letter requesting the required additional information was mailed to Kevin Fox, President of the Burrillville Youth Basketball Association, with the deadline of July 31, 2007 to respond.**

**Janice Kaplan, President of the Burrillville Figure Skating Association, was mailed the letter stating the change in the funding**

amount for the association and to contact the department with any questions.

## **Spring Lake Beach**

The Director distributed the May/June financial report for the Spring Lake Beach Facility. There was an overall increase due to the increase in rentals of Champlin Recreation Hall and boat rental income with the increase of the number of boats offered to rent.

Legislators did not pass the proposal to make the state beaches non-smoking. The Director is requesting the Recreation Commission make a designated area of the Spring Lake Beach Facility for smoking patrons. During the August Recreation Commission meeting to be held at the Spring Lake Beach Facility, it can be reviewed where the designated areas might be.

The Director questioned if the Recreation Commission would want to recommend the banning of coolers on the beach as other beach facilities are making this recommendation. This would attempt to curb the use of alcohol at their facilities. David Marcotte stated there would be a problem because of the cost factor to the families who would be forced to purchase food versus bringing food. It was stated that there is already a policy to allow the search of coolers for

**alcohol. No glass container policy should be implemented at the beach. If the alcohol policy is violated, they should be forced to leave without any refund of admission fees.**

**Alice Lavigne questioned the implementation of a shade structure at the beach. The Director stated that the trees are getting bigger and if a shade structure was installed, it would take away from the esthetic nature of the facility. Alice Lavigne recommended possibly putting a structure between the Arcade and the Ice Cream Building in the grass area but the Director reported that is the future location of the placement of playground equipment. David Marcotte stated that since we allow sun umbrellas they can provide their own shade.**

**Alice Lavigne reported that patrons are jumping off the paddleboats. The Director stated the boats are supposed to be called in by the lifeguards if they violate the no jumping off the boats rule.**

### **Boys & Girls Club**

**Nothing to report at this time. The Town Planner will be forwarding the results of the survey for the next meeting.**

### **Shippee Bridge**

**Awaiting a meeting with the Department of Transportation regarding the future plans of the Shippie Bridge construction. The Boy scout**

**project will not be affected by the changes due to construction.**

### **Summer Beach Bus**

**The summer beach to the state beaches will begin tomorrow, July 10th from behind the Callahan School at 8:30 a.m. Signs were posted at the Gazebo and A.T. Levy parking area notifying of the change to the Callahan School departure/return.**

### **Summer Concerts**

**The first summer concert will take place on Thursday, July 12th by Macey & Hart at 6:30 p.m. with the Director not able to attend but Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant Carol Conway will be in attendance.**

### **Skate park Competition**

**Devon Phalen never met with the Director as recommended.**

### **Conservation Commission**

**The Director reported to the Conservation Commission that the Recreation Commission would be willing to support their proposal to the Town Council.**

**It was noted that the Director had sent Administrative Aide Carol Conway for further training on advertising publishing.**

**New Business:**

**Bicentennial DVD**

**Previously reviewed under Good and Welfare.**

**The Director distributed the July Monthly Calendar to the commission.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 6:30 p.m., Spring Lake Beach Facility, 50 Old Hillside Drive, Glendale, RI 02826**

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