

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, November 13, 2007

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low

Al Gerew, Vice Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Alice Lavigne, Secretary L. Kevin McDonald

Dave Marcotte

Susan Sgambato (Alternate Member)

Absent: -----

Excused: Kurt Schatz, Chair

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Al Gerew, Vice Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Minutes of October 9, 2007 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 6-0.

Correspondence:

The Director reported that a request for NYSCA training was made from the Burrillville Youth Basketball Association. Al Low discussed with Roy Carlson, President of the association, the date of Thursday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Post 88 building for the training. Dave Marcotte stated that date would be agreeable. The Director will verify all necessary training materials are available for up to thirty new coaches. Al Low will confirm with Dick Peck the availability of the Post 88 building for the November 29th date and will report back to the Director to allow for the flyers, press release, etc. to be prepared.

The Director gave L. Kevin McDonald insurance information from the National Parks and Recreation Association for the Burrillville Youth Basketball Association to review.

Information from The Trust regarding a safety enhancement grant up to \$1,000 being offered was reviewed by the Director. A recommendation for replacement of bulbs for the Branch River Park lighting fixtures was determined. Pascoag Utility District will assist with the bulb replacement.

A request from John Connors, as well as a couple of other coaches, for gym use for soccer practice. John Connors is requesting Mondays at the Callahan Elementary School gym but it was left open for a new recreational volleyball program. Dave Marcotte reported

some interest in the new volleyball program. John Connors was made aware of the fee structure for school gym use since Burrillville/Glocester Youth Soccer Association is not a Burrillville recreation sponsored program and is partially for Glocester residents. The Director questioned if the soccer league was made aware of the extra practice time being requested. Dave Marcotte mentioned prior damage problems reported from the schools with soccer being played inside the school gyms. L. Kevin McDonald stated that there are about two-thirds Burrillville residents currently enrolled in the soccer league and is planning on bringing this to the Superintendent's attention to try and waive the gym use fee and soccer will cover any damages. It was recommended that any soccer requests should be submitted through the soccer association.

A communication regarding an upcoming grant round for passive and historic parks for \$100,000 with a 10% match requirement will be offered from the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Possibly proposing the extension of the river walk or the railroad right away will be recommended at the next council meeting for review for an application. The governor is not releasing any funds for Recreational Development this upcoming year.

The Director attended the Eagle Scout ceremony at Scouter's Hall in Slatersville for Justin Bondeson who made improvements at White Mill Park for his badge requirements. The Director has recommended the Boy Scouts of America for the RI Recreation and Parks

Association Step-Up to the Plate Award. A representative from the Scout's Narragansett District Council reported that currently there are 270 projects being completed with two-thirds for parks and communities within Rhode Island. Pictures of the Eagle Scout projects were shared with the commission.

Good & Welfare:

The Director requested that Town Manager Michael Wood announce at the Town Council meeting under Good and Welfare the invitation to the upcoming Holiday programming being offered.

Old Business:

Burrillville Youth Basketball Association

The Director reported that the basketball program is going very smoothly under the direction of the new Burrillville Youth Basketball Association committee.

Facility Needs

A town wide parks needs assessment report, including current and future usage, is being comprised and will be submitted to the Recreation Commission and then the Town Council for review. Dave Marcotte voiced concern over the Recreation Commission

involvement in a future baseball field project since the plans for the new Football Complex originated from the Recreation Department but then excluded during the final phase. Clarification from the School Facility's Manager regarding the football field usage procedure will be sought by the Director on behalf of the Recreation Commission to insure that the entire town has access to the new Football field complex, not just the high school teams. Similar usage problems have occurred for auditorium usage in the past.

Al Gerew has been approached that the newly renovated rink is not being properly maintained. Questioned why the new football field complex is getting first priority for maintenance when there are only four home games scheduled throughout the football season.

Sub-committee report

The Director had copies of the new ordinance proposal available since the proposal will be reviewed at tomorrow nights Town Council meeting.

Bicentennial DVD

The DVD will reviewed at next months Recreation Commission meeting.

Conservation Commission

A copy of the Open Space property possibilities proposals to be presented at tomorrow nights Town Council meeting by Paul Roselli of the Conservation Commission was reviewed by the commission. Alice Lavigne stated a piece of property in Nasonville with two access roads including 21 acres past the junkyard is also for sale. Kevin Cleary had noted this property at a prior commission meeting.

Reappointments to Recreation Commission

Alice Lavigne, Judy Lopez-Recinos and Al Gerew were recommended by the Town Council at the last Town Council meeting for reappointment to the Recreation Commission for a three year term until October 31, 2010.

Branch River Lights

Reviewed above

Doors Recreation Center

Bruce Rylah is currently working on the replacement doors for the Recreation Center.

Bikepath-Scope of Work

The Director reported no update to report at this time.

Holiday Programming

Santa Calling flyers were distributed to the commission for the December 13th through the 16th event. Recreation Commission members Kurt Schatz, Dave Marcotte, L. Kevin McDonald and Alan Gerew have volunteered to play Santa.

Al Low confirmed playing Santa on December 1, 2007 for the Santa on the Town Common event.

Budget Preparation

The Director reported that preparation for upcoming budget process has begun.

New Business:

Hauser Playground

The Director reported that RI Department of Environmental Management approval was received to allow for the utilization of remaining grant funds for replacement playground equipment versus a walking path as part of the Hauser Field Project. This change was

recommended after reviewing with the Department of Public Works Director the logistics of the field for a walking path and to allow the facility to be closed during the off season to avoid vandalism. Consequently, it was determined that a walking path was not to be completed at the Hauser Field site. Instead, preparation for the advertising for the new replacement playground equipment bid process is currently being completed.

Operating Budgets

Operating budgets are currently being reviewed.

League Budgets

League letters are being sent regarding any new budget requests.

Holiday Gathering

The Recreation Department employees have suggested holding a Holiday Gathering during the next Recreation Commission meeting date with invitations being sent to the Recreation Commission, Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors and full time employees.

A Yankee Swap with a \$10 limit set and a potluck meal will take place.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by by

Judy Lopez-Recinos. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion Passed 6-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859

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