

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, April 14, 2008**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Alice Lavigne, Secretary**

**Kurt Schatz, Chair L. Kevin McDonald Al Gerew, Vice Chair**

**Michael Karmozyn, Town Council Liaison**

**Absent: Al Low, Dave Marcotte, Susan Sgambato (Alternate Member)  
and Debra Stockwell (Alternate Member)**

**Excused: Juliette Lopez-Recinos**

**Guests: None**

**Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.**

**Minutes of March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Al Gerew. Seconded by L. Kevin McDonald. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Correspondence:**

**Kurt Schatz, Chair, reported an e-mail was received from Susan Sgambato (Alternate Member) to notify the Recreation Commission of her resignation.**

**The Director reported a memo was received from the National Recreation and Parks Association to announce the awarding of a scholarship to Director Cheri R. Hall to attend the Summit in Portland, Maine.**

**Good & Welfare:**

**None**

**Old Business:**

**Sub-committee report-Ordinance**

**The Recreation Commission reviewed the Sub-committee report regarding the Park Ordinance to change Section E to eliminate the hours from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the exception of people who have a valid Rhode Island Fishing License to utilize the parks.**

**Conservation Commission**

**L. Kevin McDonald stated the Conservation Commission did not attend the Budget Board meeting to discuss a possible Bond request for this year. The Director reported the last communication was for**

**the Conservation Commission to meet with the Town Manager.**

### **Doors Recreation Center**

**The kitchen and entrance doors have been completed two weeks ago with the double doors to be scheduled for replacement in the near future.**

**Michael Karmozyn arrived and reported his attendance at the Alumni Foundation meeting. He reported the request by the Parks & Recreation Department for a donation to the Summer Concert Series was denied because the events are not school related. The Director reported that TransCanada/Ocean State Power is reviewing the request for a donation to the Summer Concert Series. L. Kevin McDonald suggested an application for C.D.B.G. funds but the Director stated the concerts would have to be relocated to a qualifying location like Pascoag. Follow-up phone calls will be placed to all prior contributors to the concert series for an update.**

### **League Budgets/C.I.P.**

**The Director reported all league budgets have been received with the exception of Figure Skating. The Director will contact the Figure Skating President Janice Kaplan to check on the status of their budget report.**

**The Director reported the C.I.P. hearing was held with the Spring Lake Beach and Burrillville Extended Care budget requests being approved due to funding from other sources but the Tennis Court request is awaiting what other amount of grant funding can be found and other resources are found to complete the work knowing the work needs to be done.**

**The other funding denied by the Budget Board was for the department's part-time position. At the last meeting the Recreation Commission stated their concern over the funding from other sources. The Director reported the Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors did vote to approve funding of 30% of the part-time position if needed. Concern that once this alternate funding is utilized, it will never change back to be funded through the Operating Budget. The commission recommended the Director forward the proposal to the Town Manager to fund the part-time position with 30% from Burrillville Extended Care proceeds, 30% from Spring Lake Beach proceeds, and 40% from the Operating Budget. The Director voiced a concern that Spring Lake Beach proceeds are to be utilized for the facility according to the grant funding regulations. Research will be made regarding the Land and Water Act to find these regulations. Spring Lake Beach proceeds have been utilized for such things as the recent emergency repairs to the well totaling \$4,600 when the de-winterization was performed. The Director voiced concern regarding the amount recommended for field/park utilities being much lower than previous. Discussion took place with Men's**

**Softball hitting balls over the netting into abutting resident's yards. The netting cannot be extended higher with only solution to be a new field location.**

### **Scope of Work for Trail**

**The Director reported the project is ready to move forward. The commission was given the information for review during the last meeting.**

### **Relay for Life**

**The department has purchased a tent for the Relay for Life and any other events with department signage being made.**

### **Family Fair**

**Alice Lavigne has volunteered to be judge for the "Community Spirit Award". Dave Beauchemin from B.P.A.C., Dr. Van Dyke from the B.E.C. Board, and Jim Moran of the Personnel Board as judges.**

**The mapping of the booths will take place after the Director returns from the Summit on May 7, 2008 in preparation of the May 10, 2008 event date.**

### **Spring Lake Beach**

**A part-time maintenance person has come on board for approximately 16 hours per week to begin preparations for the beach opening. The new lifeguard chairs and portable picnic tables have been ordered.**

### **Shippee Bridge**

**Currently work has not begun this spring on the Shippee Bridge repairs. The Art Festival is concerned due to bridge and dam construction repairs in Harrisville and had requested to utilize Branch River Park. The Director recommended a better location would be the high school and referred Lee Menard to the School Facilities Manager Bob Richards.**

**The Duck Race might have to be relocated due to the Harrisville bridge and dam construction repairs.**

### **Earth Day**

**The Director invited the commission to attend the Earth Day celebration on Saturday, 19, 2008 with everyone meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works. Commission member Alice Lavigne and Director Cheri Hall will be in attendance. Blackstone Valley Tourism donated the gloves and the bags and delivered to Department of Public Works.**

## **NYSCA Training**

**The NYSCA training was completed with 25 coaches being trained.**

## **New Business:**

### **Tennis Courts**

**“Discussed above”**

### **Hauser-Men’s Softball**

**“Complaint information regarding softballs being hit into abutting property owner’s yards was discussed above”**

**Dave Vincoli of Little League/Girls Softball has been assisting in spring field preparations with Mr. Esposito of Roots and Shoots donating necessary materials and equipment. The T-Ball and Baseball fields at Hauser were dry enough to open. L. Kevin McDonald was questioned by a resident why the Hauser parking area does not have crushed stone to avoid dust. The Director reported that the parking area was made with a compacting material is not dusty and is ten times better than before. If paved, the cars would drive recklessly. The Director will check with the Department of Works to inquire about putting down recycled asphalt instead. L. Kevin McDonald stated this is the solution the Burrillville/Glocester**

**Youth Soccer Association utilized at their facility.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Al Gerew. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed 3-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859**

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