

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, December 8, 2008

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Al Gerew, Vice Chair David Marcotte

Alice Lavigne, Secretary

Absent: -----

Excused: Al Low, L. Kevin McDonald and Kurt Schatz

Guests: -----

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

Correspondence:

The Director reported that the Nicole McConnell Sabella Family is establishing a foundation in her name. One part is for scholarships and the other for research in the area of the type of disease Nicky was diagnosed with. Another section will be “Nicky’s Rainbows” which will be round-table type counseling for elementary age children who

are going through the grieving process. Parks and Recreation has been asked to sponsor “Nicky’s Rainbows” by providing space with training conducted through the National Rainbow organization. Brochures regarding the new program were distributed for the commission’s review.

Motion to approve the sponsorship of “Nicky’s Rainbows” by the Parks & Recreation Department by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to accept minutes of November 10, 2008 regular meeting by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Seconded by David Marcotte. Motion passed 3-0.

Good & Welfare:

The Director shared the updated 2009 Recreation Commission meeting schedule.

Old Business:

C.I.P.

The Finance Director has requested the submission for any C.I.P. item requests. The Director suggested the only item is the replacement of the Branch River Park tennis courts, which was approved at a previous commission meeting.

Coaches Training

Dave Marcotte reported that the recent training had (8) coaches trained for the youth basketball league.

Santa Calling

The Santa lists and forms are currently being distributed to all our callers.

Christmas Program

-Town Common-Commission member Al Low was Santa once again, the

Cub scouts provided the hot chocolate, Parks and Recreation

scarves were handed out to the adults and Commission member Alice Lavigne assisted.

-Holiday Party - The party will take place immediately following tonight's

commission meeting.

Above and Beyond 50's Workshops

The new program reviewed by commission previously will begin in January with a few calls and registrations received to date. The information is on the town website.

Family Fair

Plans are underway for this year's theme which is "Rockin' and Rollin'" with Burrillville Family Fair to include any era.

New Business:

Community Trips

On Friday the Director visited the Gloucester Senior Center where a representative from Foxy Travel was previewing their offering of community trips. Three trips have already been planned where the Burrillville Senior Citizens are participating. The Director requested information from the Foxy Travel representative regarding family oriented trips. Further information will be gathered after the holidays.

Walter A. Henry Award

Paperwork has been submitted for the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Department's nomination to receive the "Department of the Year" once again. The Director nominated Burrillville Extended Care Co-Directors Lisa Nault and Kelly Cournoyer to receive the Walter A. Henry Award. This annual state award is given to an individual or, in this case, two individuals below or at the level of Director who have shown exemplary support of the Parks and Recreation Department. If it doesn't happen this year, their names will be supported again next year since there are usually a lot of applications for this award because department's have numerous support staff like Carol and Cheryl who are also nominated.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made David Marcotte. Seconded by Alice

Lavigne.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion Passed

3-0.

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:45 p.m., Burrillville
Parks & Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street,
Pascoag, RI 02859.**

Recorded by

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