

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, June 14, 2010

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Alice Lavigne

Al Gerew, Chair Al Low

Juliette Lopez-Recinos, Vice Chair

Kevin Mazarella, Secretary

Dave Marcotte

Timothy Pratt

Absent: None

Excused: None

Guests: None

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

Motion to accept minutes of May 10, 2010 regular meeting by Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 6-0.

Correspondence:

None

Good & Welfare:

The Director reported the Relay for Life fundraiser is scheduled for this Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th.

The Director questioned commission member Al Low if the Burrillville Farmer's Market is just for farmers or are other vendors allowed. Al Low stated one artisan has been allowed to participate at two markets. The farmers pay \$10 weekly dues and outside artisans are charged \$12 to offset insurance costs. Non-profit groups are not charged a fee and all fees charged offset the market's costs.

Kevin Mazarella was contacted by Men's Softball reporting the Hauser field men's room door being broken. Kevin has been attending the men's games each Sunday with the League President reporting the gate is not always locked completely by another league utilizing the fields. Men's Softball has been very supportive this year and contributed to the restroom supply fund. The locks will be changed for the restroom by Boisclair Lock Company in the near future.

Old Business:

Freedom Park

The Director reported the new replacement playground equipment has been ordered for Freedom Park with the installation being

coordinated for a couple weeks away. A request has been made to the Department of Public Works Director Jeff McCormick for the split rail fencing to be installed at the hilltop before the new equipment arrives. Quotes are currently being sought for the chain link fencing to surround the new equipment. Signage stating “No pets in playground area allowed” in playground area has been received.

Skate Park

A meeting with Colonel Gannon, Lt. Kevin SanAntonio, DPW Director Jeff McCormick, Tom Kravitz and the Director with the determination that the best place for the skate park reinstallation is the current Eccleston Field location. When the skate park was originally installed, the Director contacted the Department of Environmental Management regarding any problems with the current location. The current location was fine but putting the skate park back further near the river may require a DEM permit. Jeff McCormick is rechecking this information. Other possible locations being considered are the Louis Bleiweis Memorial Park next to Shippee Bridge and the Recreation Center in Pascoag. The Director reported the concern of Louis Bleiweis Memorial Park site. DEM/DOT would have to be contacted regarding the change of use from passive recreation to active recreation if the skate park is located at the park.

The Chair noted that the relocation of the skate park would incur costs, whereas the current Eccleston Park location would not incur any new costs.

Spring Lake Beach

The Director reported a great opening Memorial Day weekend at Spring Lake Beach with the great weather.

The building painting project punch list items are all that is needed to complete the project. The punch list was compiled by Mark Brizard of Brizard and Sons, Building Official Joe Raymond, Spring Lake Maintenance Joe Hutnak and the Director after a review of the building painting.

Town Manager Mike Wood has asked the Director regarding any ideas to bring in more profits at the Spring Lake Beach Facility. The idea of the beach purchasing boats for rentals was suggested with the purchase costs being \$2,800 approximately for five boats. The first year's boat rental profits should pay for the boats entirely. The boats could be purchased from Future Beach out of Canada. The boats are very low maintenance, sturdy and easy to repair. The town could take a look at revenue sharing for the arcade as all machines can be computerized and record revenues.

The current arcade equipment belongs to the current lease holder. Another suggestion is the town changing the smaller concession building to a gift shop to sell/rent beach merchandise such as umbrellas, beach chairs, pails/shovels, towels, etc. The ice cream sales could be combined into the snack bar building. Dave Marcotte

questioned utilizing the brown lifeguard building as a gift shop and for renting boats. The Director stated that costly repairs would have to be made to renovate for this purpose, but a definite future consideration. Juliette Lopez-Recinos stated as the snack bar/ice cream lease holder, many patrons do request beach merchandise. Since the demand for the Spring Lake Beach Recreation Hall is extremely high, the rental fees of \$150 for Burrillville residents and \$300 non-residents are being reviewed to be increased to \$200 for Burrillville residents and \$400 for non-residents to begin with the 2011 season. The group rate is being reviewed to be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per person.

The Chair questioned if it is the right time to be considering increasing rental fees due to the poor economy but agreed the arcade lease needs to be changed. Request for proposals will still be sought for bids for the arcade and concessions. Dave Marcotte stated a new minimum should be set for the arcade lease as part of the request for proposals. Swim diapers, towels, and shirts are currently offered at the main booth but the Director stated it is not the ideal location and lacks space to and display the merchandise.

More information will be gathered in preparation for the upcoming bid process.

Dave Marcotte questioned if more Spring Lake Beach funds are made, could the town take the profits for offsetting other town expenses.

The Director stated the grant funding states the Spring Lake Beach profits can only be utilized for the Spring Lake Beach facility. Dave Marcotte stated the town charter reads there should be a Parks & Recreation Director and should be funded through tax dollars and shouldn't be from other sources.

Spring Lake Beach Entertainment-additional booking

The Director stated an additional booking was made due to commission member donating a performance worth \$500 by "J'ambiance" that he had won. J'ambiance will be performing in July at Spring Lake Beach.

Thank you was expressed for Al Gerew's donation.

Meal Site

The meal site will continue in the fall due to volunteers stepping forward to take over running the program each Tuesday and Thursday.

Duck Race

Tickets were distributed to the commission for them to try and sell for the upcoming Duck Race.

Youth Football and Cheer

Ray Daignault, President Youth Football & Cheer and the Director met with Ted Garielle of PUD. The General Manager explained the

process how the lights were billed, etc. Following the meeting the Youth Football President was meeting with his Board and considering a 2 year agreement with the Town to manage the lights at Hauser Field.

Budget

It was reported that the adoption of the fiscal 2010/2011 budget has been delayed until the end of July.

New Business:

Holiday Ornaments

Development of an annual Holiday Ornament was discussed as a future fundraiser.

Members were asked to bring ideas for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m. Motion Passed 6-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.

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