

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, July 12, 2010

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low

Juliette Lopez-Recinos, Vice Chair

Kevin Mazarella, Secretary

Timothy Pratt

Dave Marcotte

Alice Lavigne

Michael Karmozyn, Burrillville Town Council Liaison

Absent: None

Excused: Al Gerew, Chair

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Juliette Lopez-Recinos, Vice Chair at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Motion to accept minutes of June 14, 2010 regular meeting by Al Low. Seconded by Dave Marcotte. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence:

None

Good & Welfare:

Al Low reported the Burrillville Farmer's Market Committee wanted to express their gratitude for the support of the Burrillville Recreation Commission. Numerous positive public comments have been received from the market goers.

Old Business:

Freedom Park

The Director reported the new replacement playground equipment is scheduled to be installed on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. The current slide is being relocated to the Spring Lake Beach playground area near the Recreation Hall since it is for ages 2 to 12 and the Freedom Park playground is now strictly for ages 2 to 5. This includes the installation of a tot swing. A sign stating the 2 to 5 age limits and no pets allowed will be installed.

Skate Park

After the meeting with Town Manager Michael Wood, Colonel Gannon, Lt. Kevin SanAntonio, DPW Director Jeff McCormick, Tom Kravitz and the Director, a letter was forwarded to the Board of Administration requesting the skate park reinstallation be at the current Eccleston Field location. Correspondence from the Board of Administration unanimously denying the request was shared with the

commission.

It was decided that next to the Shippee Bridge is not an option for the relocation of the skate park. The Town Manager has requested the Director speak with Colonel Gannon regarding the possible relocation next to the Burrillville Police Station. Dave Marcotte stated next the Burrillville Police Station is too far for the skateboarders to travel plus the danger of crossing Route 102.

The old Mobile Gas Station location in Pascoag was suggested as a possible new location for the skate park. The Director will request permission to pursue the old Mobile Gas Station location further. Grant funds could be sought for the property purchase.

Spring Lake Beach

The Director reviewed the income totals for May, June and through July 11, 2010 for Spring Lake Beach. The income is much higher than previous years due to the warmer weather. On Monday, July 5th the admission included a record 2,600 people with no issues found. It was questioned if there is a limit to the number of people on the beach. The Director stated the only restriction is to have the proper number of lifeguards per the number of people in attendance. Juliette Lopez-Recinos stated the 2,600 people were all not in attendance at once. That was over an entire day. There was never a time when space was not available for the patrons to be on the beach. Since the Harrisville Fire Department was currently at the Spring Lake Beach

Facility doing an emergency drill with the staff, the Director will speak with the Harrisville Fire Department regarding any possible attendance regulations.

Next year the rental fees are being reviewed for a possible increase along with taking over the boats by purchasing our own. The building which currently houses the ice cream vendor is being reviewed to sell and rent beach items. This would be operated by the department. Ideas are still being sought for the arcade leasing. The current contracts for the food/ice cream and arcade leases end at the end of the 2010 summer season. Admission fees have already been changed from children under age 2 free to only infants being free of charge.

Due to the donation by Recreation Commission member Al Gerew, J'ambiance will be performing this Sunday, July 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the Spring Lake Beach pavilion.

Duck Race

The Duck Race is scheduled for August 22nd. Tickets sold will be returned by the commission at the August 10, 2010 meeting to be held at the Spring Lake Beach Facility.

Youth Football and Cheer

Ray Daignault, President Youth Football & Cheer and the Burrillville Little League/Girls Softball League have worked out a payment

schedule for the Hauser Field lights. Burrillville Little League/Girls Softball will pay for the July bill and Burrillville Youth Football and Cheer will take over from August until April Then Burrillville Little League/Girls Softball will take over for May through July.

Budget

The Budget Board did approve the 2010/2011 request for funding the allotment for the recreational leagues following the 5 year incremental depletion. The Director reported there were no other cuts on the municipal budget.

The Director reported to the commission the delay for the new recreational department vehicle was caused by no bids received a couple of months ago. Consequently, new current quotes from dealerships are being sought.

Holiday Ornaments

Dave Marcotte stated the first ornament to be offered should refer to the Recreation Department. The artwork should also include the Burrillville logo with a different town image each year. Dave Marcotte suggested a number of local business and organizations could be utilized to sell the ornaments. Two members of the commission will be meeting to take pictures throughout the town as samples for the ornaments. Al Low stated the ornaments can even be three dimensional.

The commission suggested the Spring Lake Beach road signs need to be updated.

New Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Spring Lake Beach Facility, 60 North Shore Road, Glendale, RI 02826

Recorded by

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