

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, May 16, 2011

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Timothy Pratt

Al Gerew, Chair Dave Marcotte

Juliette Lopez-Recinos-Vice Chair

Kevin Mazzarella, Secretary

Stephen Rawson, Burrillville Town Council Liaison

Absent: Al Low

Joshua Steere

Excused: Alice Lavigne

Guests: Joe Raymond

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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 April 11, 2011 regular meeting by Dave Marcotte, Seconded by Tim Pratt. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence:

The Chair shared with the commission the response we received from Mike Wood regarding the Recreation Capital Account. Mike had answered our questions for the most part and also provided the account balance. The only other issue that was not answered was the frequency of which the commission could request access to this account. A copy of the letter was provided to all commission members. Mike also stated in his letter that he didn't quite understand what the "fees in lieu of land" meant. The letter basically states that the commission can make a recommendation, and the council will vote on it. The Council has overall control over this account.

Good & Welfare:

The Director stated that work will begin on the tennis courts this week. Some of the new equipment is at the recreation office.

Old Business:

Spring Lake

The Director reported that inspections are completed. The Director will be meeting with staff and getting ready for the opening on Saturday, May 21st. The new tracking software is out to bid and hopefully will be in by mid-June. The Fire Dept. will be in next week for final approval for opening on the 28th of May.

Skate Park

The Director sent pictures of the damaged equipment to the manufacturer. She received an estimate of about \$605.00 for repairs. The manufacturer said the equipment should be sandblasted. The Director is getting quotes on painting.

Burrillville Earth Day

Director said turn out was great. Over 163 tons of trash was collected.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Director state it was once again, very successful. Over 400 kids attended.

Operating Budget

Director announced there is a public hearing on the budget this Thursday, May 19, 2011. The Director stated that there were corrections made to the previous handouts from the budget board recommendations and now appears correctly in the Town Manager's recommendation.

New Business:

7pm. Stephen Rawson arrived at meeting.

Alternatives for Fishing/Canoe Access

Dave Marcotte said that there is interest in a canoe launch area and it was discussed at a recent council meeting. The area in question is at the Stillwater Mill Complex. It appears that only a few trees would need to be taken down. The Chair has written a letter to the Executive Director of Neighborworks Blackstone River Valley. In the letter, the commission is asking if Neighborworks would grant the appropriate easement. This would only be intended for canoes and kayaks, no motorized boats would be allowed. We had a discussion to correct the statement in the letter regarding the no motorized boats. AI will correct the letter so it clearly states no motorized boats.

Motion by Dave Marcotte to send the letter out, seconded by Judy.

Motion passed 5-0

7:10pm Stephen Rawson left meeting abruptly over disagreement of proposed location of canoe launch.

Men's Softball

Director said opening day had a few problems. Some balls were hit the neighbor's yard. It appears everything is ok now. We believe the league was on a field they shouldn't have been on. The issue of who has keys to Hauser Field was discussed. AI Low and the Director have keys, and the Men's Softball has 2 sets.

Adopt a Duck

Duck tickets were handed out to commission members to sell. The date of the race is Sunday, August 21, 2011.

Burrillville Coalition for Youth

The Director shared with the commission information regarding Burrillville Coalition for Youth. This group began with the help of Town Council member Ed Blanchard. Their goal is to start a youth center in town. The director requested that a commission member try and attend the meeting they are having at the Library on 5/17/2011. Dave Marcotte and Kevin Mazzarella agreed to attend that meeting.

Summer Programming

The Director gave the commission hand outs on concerts/programs for this June, July and August.

Project Priority List – Goals and Objectives

The Council has created a list of goals and objectives. It appears to have the same items on it that this commission is considering. The Director will e-mail members the Town Council Goals and Objectives for review at next meeting.

Elk Crossing Subdivision

A plan was submitted for 362 Mt. Pleasant Road. The commission decided that after review, we have no concerns in this matter and will respond accordingly.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Judy Lopez-Recinos. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859

Recorded by:

Kevin Mazzarella

Secretary

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