

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, May 13, 2013

Present: Juliette Lopez - Chair Jeff McCormick

Al Gerew Andrea Hall, DPW

Sandra Dalton Ken Milligan, III, Ph.D.

Tim Pratt Aaron Coutu

Dave Marcotte

Absent:

Excused:

Guests: Thomas Kravitz

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Juliette Lopez , Chair

Motion to accept minutes of April 8, 2013 - Motion made by Al Gerew.

Seconded by Ken Milligan, III, Ph.D, motion passed.

Correspondence:

Review of letter received by Cheri Hall regarding taxation of goods sold at Spring Lake Beach. Items sold for less than \$20 that fund youth programs are not taxable. Mention was made to send letter to

the Town Solicitor for clarification.

Good & Welfare: Al Gerew would like to discuss reasoning for cessation of the current policy review subcommittee. This is reviewed later in the meeting.

Old Business:

DEM Grants - Skate Park

Construction continues, bid going out for chain link fencing

Park Map/Trail Map

Ken Milligan stated we are unable to secure artistic resources at this time.

Brown House at Spring Lake

no new updates

Dog Park

Reviewed concerns about noise, possible aggression between dogs, etc at proposed skate park site. Ken Milligan suggested White Mill Park as possible location of dog park. Will discuss with Jeff McCormick at June 10 meeting.

New Program Ideas

Andrea Hall reviewed handouts of upcoming events. Ken Milligan mentioned concerns about the monthly pricing of the boot camp program. Al Gerew suggested letting the program run at current pricing and gauge interest from there. Discussed Burrillville Family Fair – advertisement is currently in the Bargain Buyer and we are waiting on donations. Judy Lopez suggested donating a Spring Lake Beach pass.

Duck Pond Passive Recreation

Motion made by Dave Marcotte to move to fourth item reviewed, second by Aaron Coutu – motion passed unanimously.

Discussed improvements including parking, installing bike racks and benches around the pond. Tom Kravitz mentioned concerns about utilities at the park and possible vandalism. Also reviewed trash receptacles and 'carry in/carry out' trash policy.

Earth Day

Andrea Hall said the event was a success and there were approx. 250 volunteers. Smaller groups ran cleanup after the actual event due to inclement weather on Earth Day itself.

Budget

Will review on June 10th meeting.

Spring Lake Beach – Operating Policies

Aaron Coutu suggested a formal request should be made for information regarding Spring Lake Beach policies. Judy Lopez mentioned Jeff McCormick needs to be engaged to make this request.

Al Gerew made a motion to draft letter from the board to Jeff McCormick requesting an update on Spring Lake Beach policies – Second by Aaron Coutu – motion passes unanimously.

LOWES/KAB Community Improvement Grant/RIRRC Public Space

Burrillville was not awarded grants, possibility to try again in the future.

Date for Walk through at Spring Lake

Judy Lopez suggested delaying commission meeting at Spring Lake until August. June 10 meeting will be at Recreation Office.

Update on Park at CVS

Andrea Hall mentioned there will be a meeting May 14th to discuss. Will review during June 10 meeting.

New Business:

Recurring Background Checks

Discussion about enforcing BCI checks for any person engaged in 'on field' activities during children's recreation programs. Aaron Coutu suggested field permits could be made contingent on being

compliant with BCI checks. We are going to follow up with Carol Conway about anything already in place related to background checks.

Recreation Center Policy

A decision was made to continue with the policy subcommittee and share recommendations with the Park/Recreation commission and subsequently forward to the Town Council. A second meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Random Observations of Recreation Center Classes

Awaiting report from subcommittee

Rail Trail Phase II

Motion made by Dave Marcotte to move to third item of review, seconded by Ken Milligan – motion passed unanimously.

Tom Kravitz reviewed plans for bike path extension and requested an 'OK' from commission to continue with initial review of project. Aaron Coutu motioned to continue with review, seconded by Ken Milligan. Al Gerew and Dave Marcotte voiced concerns about possible costs of the project. Motion was made to continue with review only.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. seconded by Al Gerew.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main St, Pascoag, RI 02859

Recorded by

Tim Pratt, Secretary

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