

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, August 13, 2013

Present: Juliette Lopez - Chair Jeff McCormick, DPW

Ken Milligan, III, Ph.D Andrea Hall, DPW

Tim Pratt Aaron Coutu

Dave Marcotte John Pacheco

Absent: Sandra Dalton

Excused: Al Gerew

Guests: Dennis Rivet, Martha Shean, Alan Messe, Rebecca Polacek, Gina Lambert, James Albanese, James Bolton, Peggy Tancrede, Charles Guay, Gina Guay, Michael Puyana, Denise Turgeon, David Kane, Diane Gelinas, Kim Kane, Marilyn M. Petrone, Pat Campbell, Deb Bolton, Barbara Kafalas, Cheryl L. Marshall, Paul Sullivan and (4) other individuals. (List may be review at Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office)

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Juliette Lopez , Chair

Motion to accept minutes of June 10, 2013 made by Dave Marcotte, 2nd by Ken Milligan – motion passes

Correspondence: n/a

Good & Welfare: n/a

Old Business:

DEM Grants - Skate Park

Discussed high initial utilization of skate park, no issues with litter to date and recent positive article written in the Woonsocket Call. Signs indicating “no bicycles” have been covered.

Brown House at Spring Lake

No updates

Dog Park

Discussed interest in forming a committee, further research of land requirements are needed.

Program/Event Updates

- Relay – less attendance than recent years. Still made \$40,000. Reconfiguring group structure for next year – no chair just a bunch of smaller teams.**
- Family Fair – very successful. Approximately 1500 people. Lots of positive feedback from residents and Town employees.**

- **Big Truck Day – DPW/Parks assisted JSML with a new event.**

95 people came to check out the loader, backhoe, grader, street sweeper, and dump truck. Kids had the opportunity to sit in the vehicles and ask questions about them.

- **Summer Programs**

- o **Basketball Camp – 35**

- o **Tennis Camp- 14**

- o **Multisport at the Lodge – 25**

- o **Art Classes – adult 6 – kids - 19**

- o **Summer Fun dance/Gymnastics - 4, 6**

- **Green Festival – September 14th, rain date**

September 21st. 9-1. Similar to Family Fair but on a smaller scale and with a Green theme. Raffle ticket sales to be donated to Project Backpack to feed hungry kids in Town.

- **Celebrate Burrillville Day/Harvest Fest – October 5th from 9-1230.**

- **Community Service – working with several residents that need service hours. Assigning areas for litter cleanup.**

Duck Pond Passive Recreation

No new updates, still pending with DEM

Budget

no updates

Operating Policies (Spring Lake Beach/Recreation Center)

Copy of policies are available for commission review.

Discussed vendor leases coming due after this year and a possible 2 year extension. More to follow on this topic.

Update on Park at CVS

Pending with DEM

Recurring Background Checks

no updates

Recreation Center Policy

no updates

Random Observations of Recreation Center Classes

no updates

Rail Trail Phase II

Looking to secure land in Mapleville

Men's Softball Field Usage

no updates

New Business:

Spring Lake Beach/Department of Health Beach Closing

Motion made by Dave Marcotte to discuss this item first, 2nd by

Aaron Coutu – motion passes

Juliette Lopez recuses, Dave Marcotte Vice Chair leads topic discussion

Initial review of Preliminary Incident Report by Jeff McCormick outlining events leading up to and following the July 4, 2013 incident at the Spring Lake Beach facility. This report also covered immediate preventative actions taken and additional considerations going forward.

In addition to the report, several of the guests/local residents had concerns at and around the Spring Lake Beach facility:

- Wrong way traffic/speeding down Old Hillside Road**
- loud music around the vicinity of the Spring Lake Beach**
- Safety concerns in other parts of the lake – non swimming areas**
- Unpaid individuals accessing the beach later in the day**
- Spring Lake Beach boat renters trespassing on lakeside properties**
- Litter in the parking areas**
- Gradual increase of incidents, etc over the past several years**
- Loss of reputation as desirable destination in northern Rhode Island**

There were also some additional suggestions for improvements:

- Citing of vehicle violations by Burrillville PD at the parking areas**

- **Cleaning parking lots on a daily basis**
- **Security detail at the Spring Lake Beach facility**
- **Once certain capacity reached, police detail required**

Once the season is over, further reviews and evaluations will be done.

Additional Notes:

Motion made by Dave Marcotte to reschedule October 15, 2013 Recreation Commission meeting to October 7, 2013 at the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main St, Pascoag, RI 02859, 2nd by Aaron Coutu – motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Aaron Coutu.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9th, 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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