

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, September 9, 2013

Present: Juliette Lopez - Chair Jeff McCormick, DPW

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

Tim Pratt Aaron Coutu

Dave Marcotte John Pacheco - Town Council

Sandra Dalton Sharon Davies

Absent:

Excused:

Guests: Numerous Burrillville residents, signed separate sheet

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

**Motion to accept minutes of August 13, 2013 made by Dave Marcotte,
2nd by Aaron**

Coutu – motion passes

**Correspondence: Resignation of Al Gerew, welcome new commission
member Sharon Davies**

Good & Welfare: n/a

Old Business:

DEM Grants - Skate Park

**Mentioned adjustments made to signs at skate park. DEM has
requested more bushes**

to be planted.

Brown House at Spring Lake

No updates

Dog Park

Awaiting information from Tom Kravitz regarding possible location, etc.

New Program Ideas

Andrea Hall reviewed handouts regarding the following:

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- Green Festival Flyer/Map**
- September Parks & Recreation Program Calendar**
- Fall 2013 Parks & Recreation Newsletter**
- Fall Dance Class Flyer**

Andrea Hall also extended an invitation from Town Hall regarding the Recreation

Commission participating in Celebrate Burrillville Day on October 5, 2013.

Duck Pond Passive Recreation

Discussed extending bike path to the pond, not around.

Budget

no updates

Operating Policies (Spring Lake Beach/Recreation Center)

Subcommittee needs new member with Al Gerew resigning - Sharon Davies offered.

Aaron Coutu will chair the subcommittee.

Councilman Pacheco inquired about the policies/guidelines binder (Rec Center, Spring

Lake, etc) that had been discussed in a previous meeting with Cheri Hall - Jeff

McCormick indicated that he was not aware of any such policies

binder.

Mention was also made regarding the Recreation Commission's reduced capacity in

more "hands on" issues within Parks and Recreation operations.

Dave Marcotte noted

that as it stands now, the commission would appear to lack the necessary authority to be

more involved with these issues (ie, operating policies).

Update on Park at CVS

Awaiting review of the land by Dunkin Donuts.

Random Observations of Recreation Center Classes

no updates - removing from agenda going forward.

Rail Trail Phase II

No new updates

Men's Softball Field Usage

no updates - removing from agenda going forward.

Spring Lake Beach/Department of Health Beach Closing

Dave Marcotte motions to start with this topic as there were numerous guests present to

review Spring Lake Beach issues. Aaron seconds. Motions passes.

Judy Lopez recuses herself / Dave Marcotte leads discussion.

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Jeff McCormick reviewed changes/improvements for Spring Lake Beach. The following

are those changes along with concerns of commission members and

Burrillville residents

present at the meeting (in bold following improvement line item):

Water Testing - Dr. Bandi from DOH said a final report will not be done for a few

more months. We will review the report and incorporate any recommendations.

Currently the DPH does not recommend testing water daily, but continue to test

every 21 days as outlined in their guidelines for freshwater beaches.

However

we can still use NE testing when we feel necessary.

Dr. Bandi offered – Maintenance staff should continue to put efforts into old

fashioned elbow grease daily scrubbing with soap and water, bleach and water

and Sporociden wipes are a plus. Clean tables, toilet seats, flush/handles, stall

door handles, countertops, chairs, slides arcade machine touch points, hand

railings doorknobs etc., anything that gets touched often.

Reverse 911- The town will notify local residents around the lake with reverse

911 if there are any DOH beach shut downs or other health issues.

Mention was made this would be a localized 911, Dave Marcotte asked

why it would be localized and that all Burrillville residents should be notified.

Lifeguards, maintenance staff and managers will monitor children closely. No swimming in diapers, swimmies or bathing suits only. Swimmies are available for purchase in the office.

Bruce Black Hut Road / asked about the need of the floating dock, Gina from Old Hillside Dr mentioned that having a life guard on the dock is beneficial

Review Lifeguard certifications and qualifications. Lifeguard coverage will be consistent with RIDEM rule of thumb to staff 1 Lifeguard for 200 feet of beach.

Additionally there is 1 for floating dock and another when Champlins is rented.

Jim from Andre Blvd / concerns about lifeguard approaching patrons to address behavioral problems, Dave Marcotte says this will be the responsibility of the full time beach manager.

Enhance staffing – I propose a full time beach manager, 40 hrs per week (March through October), part time assistant manager 40 hrs per week (May through October), revise staffing 2 parking attendants, 2 maintenance, 4 lifeguards, 2 office fee takers.

Look at Vendor Options - revise lease specifications to match any Town Council recommendations for Food, Arcade & boat rentals.

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Boat rentals are considered year to year. Current food and arcade vendor

agreements are expired after the 2013 season.

Deb from Andre Blvd / mentioned how current food and arcade vendors

have enhanced the experience at Spring Lake Beach and concerns about

the possibility of replacing them.

Discussed option of higher deposit when renting a boat. Would help eliminate issues with rentals if bad behavior results in loss of deposit.

Each boat could have a unique number associated with it, residents can

call to report issues w/ boat number.

Gina from Andre Blvd asked about age restrictions on boat rentals.

Boat rentals should be accompanied by a usage policy. Joanne from Old

Hillside Dr mentioned boat renters simply drop off boats and life guards

appear to be responsible for them at present.

Raise daily entry fees Residents and Non-residents (matches anticipated

patronage and council recommendations)

Suggestion was made for \$3 resident/\$6 non resident. Continue to not offer season pass to non-resident.

Discussed possibility of fee for parking using a ticket system seen at many

baseball games

Revise parking – All three lots will have entry and exit from Black Hut Road. The

DPW will install fence or guardrails around the three designated parking areas,

see sketches;

Lot 1 Residents and staff, x spaces

Lot 2 public, x spaces

Lot 3 busses and overflow, x spaces

Mike from Old Hill Side Dr / expressed concerns over how guardrails, etc

would affect aesthetics of the local surroundings. Bob from Old Hillside Dr

asked if more temporary initiatives be used for parking control.

Maximum patronage will be controlled through the parking limitations.

Notifications will be displayed on several routes to SLB notifying beach lot full.

Parking for x cars using an average of 3 people per car and considering

approximately 100 walk-ins would have a crowd approximately 1,000 patrons

Wayne 180 North Shore Dr / concerns with the amount of patrons at the

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beach at any given time. A question was asked about a set limit for number of beach patrons – at current there is no limit.

Traffic flow- Try to eliminate most of the drop-offs and pick-ups at SLB entrance

with verbal notice from attendants and visual signage. Limiting and controlling

the parking area will control patron attendance. This should eliminate two trips

through neighborhoods per car. All Champlin's Recreation Center parking will be

in the North Shore Rd Lot with overflow to be in lot 2 or 3.

There was concern about making Old Hillside Dr a two-way street.

Better signage and enforcement - Police reviewing existing ordinances for

neighborhood and will develop additional signage and enforcement ideas. Add

no parking signs in neighborhoods and have police enforce heavily beginning of

season and 1st weeks of July.

Police details on property - Use police detail for the peak two weeks of the

season or as needed.

Questions were asked about police enforcement of littering and fires

being

set around the area of Spring Lake Beach. As this is not at the Spring Lake

facility, these issues would be outside the scope of our meeting.

Hours of operation – Have set hours and not Dusk or arbitrary closing. If 10-

7pm Staff may have to cover 10 hours per day (½ hour before ½) hour after, 70

hours per week.

Dave Marcotte reviewed town ordinance that all town parks close at dusk.

A question was also asked about local residents access to the double gate

by the Beach's brown house and how there used to be a one time fee for

access during the season.

New Business:

Hauser Signs & Rules

Discussed change to field signage including that Hauser is now open for use and hours

of operation.

Spring Lake Discussion

Reviewed during Spring Lake item in old business

Review and Provide Support to Planning Board regarding Pine Harbor

Tom Kravitz wanted the commission's input on plan (Judy brought to the meeting) and it's

“OK” on continuing with the park. Aaron motioned that we reply saying more information was needed before the commission can give input / Dave Marcotte seconds. Motion 5 passes.

Mention was made that the commission was not made aware of subdivisions and

subsequently could not elect between land or money when it comes to companies

developing on town land. (ie, CVS)

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

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7th, 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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