

# TOWN OF TIVERTON

## Recreation and Beach Commission

346 Judson Street, Tiverton, RI 02878

### MEETING MINUTES

ORGANIZATION: RECREATION AND BEACH COMMISSION

Date and Time: Tuesday August 19, 2014 @ 7PM

Location: TIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER

346 Judson Street

Tiverton, RI 02878

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM pm by G. Rose. Members present were Gary Rose, Chris Roemlein, Susan Zmich, John Cordeiro, Kristen Plourde, and Recreation Coordinator Keith Cory. Susan Gill was attending budget meeting at Town Hall.

#### **Public delegations:**

none

#### **Item #1: Treasurer's Report**

J. Cordeiro .

He reviewed all received invoices for August 2014. Plan was discussed for John to review all bills and pass directly on the Town Administrator unless there was a problem or concern. In this case he would bring those bills in front of committee. It was also discussed that the "recreation" phone be cancelled. Susan Zmich made a motion to pay outstanding invoices; Seconded by C. Roemlein, motion approved unanimously.

#### **Item #2: Secretary's Report**

*Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 2014*

No corrections noted.

Motion to approve meeting minutes made by K. Plourde, Seconded by C. Roemlein  
Minutes approved, motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #3: Recreation Coordinator Report (given by Keith Cory)**

Summer programs have been well received. Positive comments and positive emails for all programs have been received. There was a shortage of lifeguards at and of season. This has happened in the past. Plan is to look for extra guards for Labor Day stretch at end of summer. Price increase at Grinnell's has caused attendance there to plummet (down 90%). Saturday attendance was at record lows. This may cause pricing restructure for 2015 or change in policy and staffing. Fogland Beach, however had steady attendance and carried the beaches financially. Further discussion on pricing and beach strategy will follow in coming meetings.

Recreation summer program review: Staff from summer programs was invited to present their opinions on how program worked and what can be done to improve for 2015.

Kim Goncalo ran the cooking program. She had full attendance. She requested more mature help for 2015 as the younger volunteers were not able to watch over the participants well enough.

Sandy ran the recreation program at Pocasset. She had 57 registered campers with 30-40 per day. She felt this was a perfect amount per day and was manageable and in sync with previous years. She had a good year with adequate help also. The only issue was the reduction in field trips. The committee recognizes this and will plan earlier for 2015 to have several great field trips.

Katie ran the Gymnastics program. This program was greatly reduced in 2014 as it was determined that most equipment was out of date and out of certification. There were no field trims, no final show, no pizza party, no raffles, no equipment usage and no crafts. Regardless of this major change to scope she felt the program was still very good as the instructors worked on Dance routines and floor gymnastics. This like other programs will be reviewed and worked on with current staff and committee for a more successful 2015 season.

The recreation committee agreed to work on Summer programs throughout the year and to have programs set earlier and to keep scope simple and sessions shorter and more focused.

**Item #4: Old Business**

*Gazebo Update* - G. Rose/C. Roemlein stated DPW should be installing the gazebo at Bulgarmarsh as their schedule allows.

Town Farm bathrooms- Flushing the toilet system weekly with a gallon of bleach has been working.

**Item # 5: New Business**

The following items are carried over from July and discussed between committee members. It is determined the Town Farm refurbishment is on track and that all programs have been moved to other fields. The committee will monitor the refurbishment and inspect work and follow up with fall watering if required.

*Town Farm Soccer Field refurbishment* - \$12,000 set aside to refurbish the town farm soccer fields. A specification of work to be done will need to be generated and submitted in the hopes of procuring at least 3 bids. S. Zmich suggested a mandatory pre-bid walk and review of the scope of work to ensure all interested bidding parties are on the same page.

*TYS plan for fall when Town Farm refurbishment is being done.* J. Cordeiro has contacted Sarah Marion, president of the TYS and received information on the needs of TYS so that review of the town facilities can be accessed. Fall Baseball & Fall Recreation and Competitive Soccer are the major users of the town's fields in the fall. This will be discussed future at the fall facilities meeting when TYS and TLL are present.

**Item #6: Correspondence**

none

**Item #7: Miscellaneous items**

Discussion is made concerning Nomination for Chairman and Secretary Positions.

Discussion is made concerning Getty station.

Discussion is made concerning playground at Bay View

**Item#8: Adjournment**

G. Rose- Next meeting Sept 16 **at 7pm**. A motion was made by J Cordeiro to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Plourde, all members voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

*Submitted by: Chris Roemlein*

*Approved:*