

Town of Tiverton

Recreation and Beach Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Organization: Recreation and Beach Commission
Date and Time: Monday June 29, 2015 @ 6:30pm
Location: Tiverton Senior Center, 207 Canonicus Street, Tiverton, RI 02878

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm

Members in attendance: Susan Gill (Chair), Susan Zmich, Kristin Plourde, Chris Roemlein, Keith Cory & John Cordeiro (6:52 arrv)

Members Absent: Tom Pearce

Public Delegations: none

Item #1: Approval of Minutes = 06/01/15 minor corrections noted.

**A motion to approve minutes was made by Kristen Plourde and seconded by Chris Roemlein.*

Minutes Approved: FOR: KP,CR,SG,SZ.

AGAINST: N/A.

ABSTAIN: N/A

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

- Total Expense Budget to Actual Budget (6-16-15) was distributed and discussed. Key points discussed were actual cost for field work done on TF Lower with watering costing extra; The cost of Pod & Porta Potty for Ranger & Pocasset Summer Programs; The unexpected and extra work at Grinnell's Beach to open, paint and fix plumbing issues in the bathrooms and the stripping of the infield at Bulgarmarsh instigated by the town administrator.

**A motion to approve the Treasures Report was made by Susan Zmich and seconded by Kristen Plourde.*

Report Accepted: FOR: KP,CR,SG,SZ,JC

AGAINST: N/A.

ABSTAIN: N/A

Item #3: OLD BUSINESS

A) Review of outcome regarding Parks Program

- The Parks Program was reinstated by the Town Council. The town will fund this program as the TRC has previously allocated its funding to cover its other scheduled & planned summer programs. According to the Town Council's request, the Parks Program will run 6 weeks with a 10:1 kid: instructor ratio. The fees set by the Council are \$100 per camper/\$75 for siblings for the whole 6 weeks. Sandy DaSilva, the head instructor, is supposed to run sign up possibly last Saturday & next Wednesday with John Cordeiro to attend Wednesday.

B) Review of field work completed this spring

- The costs were discussed in the budget review. Extra costs were incurred with watering of the Town Farm Lower Soccer Field.
- Town Farm Lower Soccer Field to open mid-August. The exact date is to be determined.

Item #4: NEW BUSINESS

A) Status of Beaches – K. Cory

- \$4000 brought in to beaches; with considerable more spent a on payroll. Low water temp and low winds may be a factor in low beach attendance.

B) Status of Summer Programs – S. Gill

- The Osprey camp classes are full.

- Summer Day Camp started today. The rest of the Classes are to start in the following weeks. Only Softball and one of the Home Alone Classes were cancelled due to low attendance.

C) Protocol and date for Fall Facility sign up – S. Zmich, K. Cory

- There will not be a fall Facilities Meeting. A new protocol is being set up to provide field use information and paperwork online and set deadlines to hand paperwork into Town Hall. Conflicts will be addressed and field users given first attempt to sort them out. If unable to do so, then TRC 2/3rd rule put in place in March 2015 will go into effect. New Seasonal Field Use and Special Event Field/Facility Use Request Forms are being generated. These forms along with guidelines for the new policy will be emailed to previous field users and announcements placed in the local paper to direct potential field users to the TRC webpage.

**A motion to approve the new Field Use Request Policy was made by Kristen Plourde and seconded by John Cordeiro.*

*Motion Approved: FOR: KP,CR,SG,SZ,JC
AGAINST: N/A.
ABSTAIN: N/A*

D) Repair of backstop fence – Pocasset baseball, discuss and vote - S. Gill

- The need to postpone backstop fence work scheduled at the Pocasset & Fort Barton due to the stripping of the infield at Bulgarmarsh initiated by the town administrator was discussed. Pocasset baseball backstop fence work is estimated at \$700.

**A motion to approve backstop work at Pocasset Field as required and estimated at \$700 was made by John Cordeiro and seconded by Chris Roemlein.*

*Motion Approved: FOR: KP,CR,SG,SZ,JC
AGAINST: N/A.
ABSTAIN: N/A*

E) BMX track and Paddle tennis discussion –C. Roemlein

- A possible location for a BMX track was brought up for discussion by C. Roemlein. The new proposal for the industrial park of a sports complex was discussed as a possible venue for such a track.
- Paddle tennis is another sport growing in popularity. It is a fast game played outdoors on an elevated deck within a tennis court. C. Roemlein will be looking into this for a possibility for one of the Town Farm tennis courts. The current surfaces of the courts are less than ideal and this may be a way to make one of them more appealing to the townsfolk.

F) Soccer Complex update – J. Cordeiro

- The contract will be up shortly for the North Brayton Soccer Complex land donated by Stone Bridge Water Department to the Town of Tiverton. The TRC needs the Town Council's direction of which way the town would like to proceed with the Complex. It needs to be determined if the Town is accepting of the complex, and that it will be for soccer only as the existing contract is written, or do they want a new contract written ,if acceptable to the SBWD, that would give soccer first preference but not sole use on the fields. John Cordeiro will try to get on the next Town Council agenda.

G) Recycle/Trash Update – S. Gill

- The first group of recycling/trash receptacles has been delivered to the DPW and is waiting for installation.

Item # 5: Next meeting schedule/adjournment

- The commission's next meeting will be on **Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:30pm**. Location to be at the Tiverton Public Library.

**A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55pm by Susan Zmich and seconded Kristen Plourde
Motion Approved: FOR: KP,CR, SG,SZ,JC.
AGAINST: N/A.
ABSTAIN: N/A*