

Tiverton Recreation Commission Meeting

April 20, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present at meeting: Jack Cook, Theresa Burke, Bob Martin Gary Rose, Diana Toste, Phyllis Brower, Debbie Ebbitt, Glenn Steckman, and Ken DeCosta.

MLB

The MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run competition will be held as planned on April 29th at Pocasset field.

Basketball courts at Pocasset

The backboards are metal and will be sanded and painted/ not replaced. The courts will be painted with lines as soon as possible.

Soccer Camp

Diana Toste presented Tiverton Youth Soccer's' request for use of Town Farm upper field the week of July 31 for a soccer camp being run by a private company. The town of Tiverton would not receive any money for the use of the fields. Mr. Steckman suggested that participants not from Tiverton be charged more than town residents. There was general discussion about charging outside organizations for use of our facilities. Diana said the agreement with this company was already set and could not be changed. . Mr. Steckman reminded us that the town budget is being drastically cut. We approved her request and asked Diana to present the request to the town council at

the next available meeting for their approval.

Diana also asked about the possibility of putting up fencing at the dump side and goal sides of the lower field to stop soccer balls from getting lost. The brush there is full of thorns and balls are not retrievable when they go in there. Bob Martin said he would look into the fencing and possibly other options and would report back at the next meeting.

Glen Steckman

Mr. Steckman asked if we have a compiled a capital improvement plan and equipment needs list. He is compiling a Comprehensive plan for the town and needs this input from the TRC. Mr. Steckman reported that grant money is available for recreation uses and the state has also offered some planning money for recreation.

Skateboard Park- Mr. Steckman supports the skateboard park and would like to see updated plans. He has talked with Mr. Smith and Officer Cabral about the park. Mr. Steckman will report back to us with any further progress.

Bulgarmarsh BB Courts- Mr. Steckman asked for bids for the asphaltting for the BB courts. We thanked Mr. Steckman for covering the costs of the fire dep't. the night of the Wizard's BB fundraiser.

Tiverton Schools-Tiverton schools must go to the Town Council to request use of Town facilities.

Fees- Mr. Steckman wants to review the fees for use of town recreation and parks facilities.

Summer Employment- Theresa reported that she has received many

summer employment applications. There are some employees who are returning from prior years. Mr. Steckman asked Theresa to meet with the personnel board would to select the employees for the summer.

Correspondence

Jack Cook received a letter from the School Committee requesting use of the Bulgarmarsh softball field for the THS girl's softball team for (possibly) up to 4 years or until the fields at the new Elementary facility are built at the N. Brayton Road site.

A letter from Lisa McGreavy of Island Blue Waterways informing us of a meeting on April 25 to discuss designs for local waterways. The letter was given to Mr. Steckman for his consideration.

A letter was received from Pat Sullivan of the Tiverton Garden Club requesting volunteers for the April clean-up.

A letter from the Fogland Oversight Committee was received requesting the TRC post rules at Fogland beach for beach goers. Signs were posted in the past and were probably taken down or faded. Bob Martin will look into replacing the signs. The Harbor Commission wants to put in a dinghy dock in the cove at Fogland (wind surfer's beach). F.O.C. is asking for input for a long-term management plan at Fogland. Their grant requests from RI-DEM, CRMC, and NRCS were all rejected.

The Stone Bridge Task Force is currently not able to work on any improvements because of lack of funds.

Discussion of the ongoing problem of golfers, dogs, and horses on town fields. It was decided that more signs be posted. This is a problem at youth ball games (of all sports) every year. Mr. Steckman suggested asking the Tiverton police to intervene if we see any of this at the fields.

ENACT asked (at Town Hall) to use Bayview Playground for a cookout. We discussed the possibility of using the playground for gatherings or pick-up games. It was suggested that the park be maintained as much as possible for the community's use until there is any action taken to clean up the soil there.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be May 18th at 7 PM at Judson Community Center.