

Tiverton Recreation Commission Meeting

October 17, 2006

Present: Diana Toste, Jack Cook, Gray Rose, Phyllis Brower, Dawn Decosta

Guests: Ken Decosta, and Jeff Smith

Public delegations:

Jeff Smith wanted an update on the skateboard park. We reported that a proposal has been made by the town to make major design and enhancements to Bulgarmarsh Rec. area and the skateboard park will be included in these plans. We will let him know when the process begins.

Concession stand at Pocasset:

The concession stand's electric is completed. The roof is covered and water tight (roof and windows) will be done before winter.

Discussion for 2007-08 budget:

The recreation Commissions budget requests were discussed with several revisions made for the proposals. The priority of capital improvements for Pocasset field, Town Farm, and South Field were prioritized and are as follows:

- 1. Portable bleachers at Pocasset and Town Farm**
- 2. Replace infield blue dust at South field**

3. Replace N and E side fencing at Town Farm tennis courts

Replace 4 ft. fencing along rear parking lot at Pocasset (100 ft.)

4. Replace dugouts at South field

Animal ordinance:

Ken Decosta requested a review of the current animal ordinance which that no dogs are allowed at all recreation facilities and seasonally at the beaches. Because dogs are on the playing fields frequently and are usually leashed, he suggested that we change it to say dogs must be leashed (but not banned). After discussion, it was decided that Dawn Decosta will request that the town council explore the current ordinance for possible revisions.

Bulgarmarsh Rec. Area;

The parcel of land adjacent to the tennis courts which belongs to the bank (former Guimond land) was discussed as a possible acquisition for future expansion of the rec. area. Jack Cook has spoken to several of the sports organizations in town asking for a donation to help pay for the design and architecture of the proposed improvements. It is estimated that the process will not begin for at least another year.

Diana Toste:

Diana will appear in front of the school committee to request use of school facilities for additional programs for next years summer programs. Other possibilities included using the senior center for

cooking classes. The possibility of using high school students to help build new dugouts as a community service project was discussed. Dawn will talk to the tech ed. dep't. at THS.

Christmas events:

Tree lighting and Santa's visit at town hall in December were discussed. TRC will ask the Carberrys if they are interested in assisting as they have in the past.

Meeting was adjourned at (:00pm.

Next meeting will be on November 21, at 7pm at Judson Community Center.