

## **Tiverton Recreation Commission Meeting**

**March 20, 2007**

**Present at meeting: Diana Toste, {Phyllis Brower, Debbie Ebbitt, Theresa Burke, Gary Rose, Jack Cook, Bob Martin, Glen Steckman, and Mike Miller**

**Mike Miller of the Newport County YMCA made a presentation about the Wee-ball program they offer to pre-school aged children. The YMCA's goal is to offer a program for preschool children that does not interfere with the current offerings of the town.**

**Weeball is for 3 & 4 year olds;**

**Saturday afternoon for 45 minutes;**

**8 weeks long**

**\$30/child with family discounts for multiple children**

**Both 3 & 4 yr. old programs run simultaneously**

**3 year olds participate with a parent**

**4 year olds work with volunteers (parents help out)**

**Registration for Weeball will be at Judson Community Center April 2007(date TBA)**

**Field usage to be determined**

**Letter received from Kathy Jaglowski offering a "Stuff-a-workshop"**

**for any summer programs we offer**

**A letter was received from the Valerie L. Oransky Foundation offering to hold a fundraising event this summer to raise money for the Bulgarmarsh Rec. area. Mr. James King, the president of the foundation, will contact us and attend the next meeting.**

**Mr. Steckman presented the (proposed) budget for the TRC for next year.**

**He requested we get all bills into town hall by June 28 to be included in this fiscal year about to end.**

**Diana Toste met with Patty Aull, principal of the Tiverton Middle School and to schedule the cooking and sewing classes at TMS this summer.**

**The tentative schedule is as follows:**

**Gymnastics 9-12 (M-F)**

**Cooking classes 12-3 PM (T & Th-2 days/wk.)**

**Sewing classes 12-3 PM (M & W-2 days /wk.)**

**Each session will last 3 weeks and 2 sessions will be offered.**

**The town library will be running a power point program at THS this summer. TRC will be running a web program possible at the same time.**

## **South Field Dugouts**

**Dugouts for South Field are being built by Bob Martin and some THS students will help install them as a community service project.**

**Diana Toste talked with Pardon Gray representatives about possible having a farmer's market their during the growing season late spring into summer.**

## **Signage**

**Bob Martin has gotten prices for the signs for the recreation areas. We will be using a professional sign company because their materials are very durable. Mr. Steckman reminded us that the verbiage has to be approved by the town lawyer.**

## **Bulgarmarsh Rec. Area**

**There is \$7000 available through the Town Administrators office to help pay for some of the planning for improvements at the Bulgarmarsh Rec. area. Mr. Steckman said the state has offered \$300K matching funds for in-kind services for Bulgarmarsh area. There is a time limit on it that must be matched by the town (approx. 2 years). Mr. Steckman reported that the town of Tiverton is seeking bids for landscape and park architectural firms for the planned redevelopment of the Bulgarmarsh area.**

**Debbie Ebbitt suggested that we need to focus attention on the**

pre-school aged and young adults needs in recreation. She suggested that we replace the basketball nets at Bulgarmarsh while waiting for other improvements there. After discussion, it was decided replacing the nets and poles was not going to be practical and too expensive as they might be in the way of the future construction there.

Mr. Steckman said money is being requested in next year's budget for improvements to the Bulgarmarsh Rec. area.

### **Bayview Recreation area**

Fencing on the west side of Bayview needs to be cleaned off (all brush removed). Other maintenance needing to be done include painting BB courts; cleaning the drain in BB court; replacing railroad ties around playground; and painting playground equipment. Mr. Steckman suggested getting this done on a Saturday in April.

### **Stone Bridge Task Force**

Federal money is available for repairing the Stone Bridge.

Debbie Ebbitt received a complaint from a town resident about debris from fisherman who fish on the end of the Fogland Beach past the rocks at the west end of the swimming area. Fish hooks are often left around and other trash. Mr. Steckman will talk to the Tiverton PD to make sure that the gate is locked every night at sunset. Hopefully this will discourage some of the fishing there.