

Town of North Stonington  
Recreation Commission  
Probate Court – Holly Green  
November 1, 2011  
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Call to Order – 6:21 pm with Commissioners Walley, Condon, Rusich, McCord, and Welborn present. Director Hines was also in attendance.

Public Comments and Questions – None presented.

Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 3, 2011. The motion was approved.

Financial Report – The Financial Report was reviewed. The payments to A<sub>2</sub>Survey for \$2,500 (on 9/29/2011), \$1,300 (on 10/25/2011), and \$1,210 (on 10/25/2011) will be confirmed by Director Hines to check that payment was not made twice for the survey at the Recreation Fields.

Correspondence – None presented.

Old Business

1. Bids for the ice rink installation work to be done at the Recreation Field were received by 10/28/2011. The Town Selectmen met and selected the lowest bid for the contract. Work to grade the ice rink area at the Recreation Field and drop in the liner is expected to start the week of November 7, 2011. No boards will be installed at this time.
2. Discussion of background searches for soccer and basketball coaches volunteering for the NS Rec program. A background search was completed for all but two of the soccer coaches, and these final searches two will be done if possible. This puts the soccer program in good shape for next fall, assuming that many of the same coaches will return. Background searches for the basketball coaches will be done as that program gets going in December.
3. Children's Yoga program is scheduled for February 2012. Space will be used at the Wheeler Library for this program. Melissa Rockwell will be leading that program.
4. Discussion was held regarding a spring lacrosse clinic. Bob Iorio had been contacted by Commissioner Condon and is very willing to lead and organize this program. A separate meeting will be held to discuss more specific details, such as date, location, and length of the clinic. Director Hines will send a message regarding location and time for that meeting.
5. Director Hines presented copies of sample benches for the Sayles Memorial. Engraving a granite bench is costly, and consensus was that purchasing a concrete bench with a plastic or wooden back and seat is the best option. It was noted by Commissioner Condon that there is a need for additional seating at the top of the Rec Field hill, and that there is a good location for a bench. Both Sayles names will be included on the plaque for the bench.

New Business

1. The Great Pumpkin Egg Hunt was rescheduled for Sunday, October 30 due to the poor weather conditions on Saturday, October 29. Director Hines advertised the rain date and

- placed a sign at the Rec field with the new date. Attendance at the Egg Hunt was lower than last year. Approximately 40 children attended, and 2 gallons of cider and 5 dozen doughnuts were consumed by attendees. Six gallons of additional cider were purchased for \$6 each by various people at the Egg Hunt. Director Hines expected numbers would be higher next year, believing lower attendance was due to the change in date.
2. The North Stonington Christian Academy has been using the soccer fields during the fall, and has asked if they may have the old soccer nets that are not currently in use. The nets are in fair condition, but the NS soccer program has no need for them. Commissioner McCord moved that the nets be donated to the NSCA. Motion was seconded and approved.
  3. Soccer parties for the Fall 2011 soccer program will be held on Monday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 9. Both parties will be held in the Multipurpose Room at the elementary school. Cosmos players have been invited to the party on November 7 and Bantam and Juniors players have been invited to the party on November 9. Commissioner Condon will provide soda. Commissioners should plan to arrive at 5:30 pm to help set up for the party.
  4. A discussion was held regarding the proposal to purchase a vacuum cleaner for the Recreation Shack. A motion was made and seconded to allocate no more than \$200 to purchase a vacuum cleaner. The motion passed.
  5. The Fire Department has contacted Director Hines regarding the use of the parking lot at the firehouse. The Rec Field parking lot is often full during fall soccer games and families have been parking at the firehouse. This is not allowed. A note regarding the use of the firehouse lot will be included in the fall brochure for the NS Rec Commission. There was a short discussion about putting up a sign, but nothing was decided. It was noted that the ice rink will be adjacent to the firehouse lot, and families may try to park in that area for winter skating.
  6. Winter weather cancellations were discussed. Director Hines will talk with the school further about using their phone alert system, and will talk with local TV and radio stations about including NS Rec program cancellations on their stations.

Any New Business brought forth by the Commission Members – None presented.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Commissioner Condon at 7:25 pm to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.