

North Stonington Recreation Commission

June 2, 2016

Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Rusty Rusich, Megan Perkins, Erin Comeau, Emily Mastroianni, Damien Robert, Earl Wagner, and Jennifer Peterson

**Guest:** Holly McCord

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:25 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes:** May Meeting Minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** Financial Report from April accepted

**Correspondence:**

1. Comm. Comeau noted that there have been several inquiries on our Facebook page pertaining to Little League. Commission in agreement to post on Facebook and the Website that Little League is a separate organization along with contact information.
2. Robert Miner has confirmed that soccer can be held at the Grange. The Grange will mow the fields. There are two weekends where there is a conflict (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August for the Blues Festival and a weekend in September for the Dog Show). He would like to meet before Soccer starts to review logistics. Comm. Comeau will coordinate a meeting.

**Old Business**

Summer Program Sign-Up Day

Attendance was not what the commission had hoped for; there were several conflicts over Memorial Day weekend which hindered this event.

It was noted that the condensed flyer that was sent home with elementary school children was helpful. The website has seen more activity also accounting for low attendance.

Website

Registration has been increasing. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> there were 116 accounts; totaling \$6,058.57 in transactions. Comm. Robert will be making a "How To" userguide for commissioners who will be working on the website. New user training will need to take place for Dir. Fabian and Comm. Peterson.

Fundraising

Comm. Comeau has been in contact with the town about fundraising opportunities. An application will need to be submitted explaining in detail what fundraising will be for in order to receive approvals. The First Selectman will need to approve the application.

- A meeting with First Selectman Murphy is requested to review the application process and discuss funding needs for our town's soccer program. **Proposed date is 6/30 at 6:15 p.m.**

Summer Movie Night at the Rec Field

Comm. Rusich reviewed package options for Movie Night:

- Backyard Package: 75 people, \$299.00 (discounted if on a Monday in July)
- Premier Package: 250 people, \$649.00
- Blockbuster Package: 500 people, \$849.00

Commission proposed the Backyard Package with a date of **7/15**. Movie will be selected at the 6/30 meeting. The rental company will arrive one hour before sunset to set-up; movie starts 15 minutes after sunset and the rental company will pack-up once it is over. They require three electrical outlets.

**New Business**

Summer Employment Opportunities

Applications were reviewed; there are 4 viable candidates. Comm. Robert will contact them to schedule interviews, **6/7 starting at 6:30 p.m.** Holly McCord will plan to participate.

Youth Co-Ed Basketball Clinic

This has been coordinated with volunteer coaches for two evenings per week. The clinic will go for 8-10 weeks. Grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for one group, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> for the other.

Pavilion Rental

Commission agreed that pavilion rental should occur; \$25 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Comm. Wagner will develop a “reserved” sign which will indicate when the pavilion is not available for general use. Our website also has a calendar feature which will show when the pavilion is and is not available to be reserved.

North Stonington Quarterly

The Quarterly publication would like to include recreation information and calendar events. Dir. Fabian will write and submit a summary – deadline requested by the Quarterly is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Suggested ideas: Movie Night information, Egg Hunt date in October, Bus Trip information, Website.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:03 p.m.

**Next meetings:**

June 7, 2016 – 6:15 p.m.

June 30, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.