



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: August 17, 2016

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, 1 Main Street

Attendees: Rich Gazoorian, Debra Amorelli, Rick LaCross

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes for the July 6th meeting were unanimously approved.
3. The Commission reviewed this summer's Kids at Play program and discussed several suggestions that could improve next year's program.
 - a. Eliminate the bulky table in the Ramsey Building to make better use of the space. Instead, install a table that could be wall mounted which would provide more floor room for activities while still providing a work area for Directors and Counselors when needed.
 - b. Install cubicles off the ground to provide additional storage.
 - c. Bring Directors and Counselors in a week or so before the program begins to allow them more time to plan activities and organize the facility.
 - d. Continue to offer a flexible program so the kids have options if they aren't interested in a particular activity.
 - e. Develop a Sports Program that would utilize the fields.
 - f. Develop a Science and Math Program
4. Rich relayed that the parking lot has been completed coming in right on budget. The company also provided additional loam, landscaping and other finishing touches at no additional cost. Regarding signage, Town Counsel is currently working on the appropriate language to be used.
5. There is a need for handicapped port-o-potties at Kiwanis Beach and Leland Field. The Commission will incur the cost of the Kiwanis Beach location. Rick will look into the pricing and work with the Soccer and LAX teams to discuss the cost of the Leland Field facility. Both locations will need to be fenced in as a security measure.
6. Video surveillance is up and running at Kiwanis Beach and Leland Field. It is scheduled to be hooked up with live feed to the police station shortly. Additional cameras are planned for Kiwanis at the basketball and tennis courts.
7. The Commission reviewed detailed financial data for the current year to aid in determining the success of current programs as well as planning upcoming programs.
8. Rick and Rich will be looking into clearing out the Upton Storage container to eliminate that expense.
9. The Commission will be looking into the possibility of providing a Hockey Camp next year.
10. It was brought to the attention of the Recreation Commission that there were two incidents at Kiwanis Beach involving cell phone usage by lifeguards while on duty at the Kids at Play program. Rich Gazoorian and Bonnie Flink met with the lifeguards

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involved and expressed to them the seriousness of the situation and that this behavior is absolutely unacceptable. Different measures for the future were discussed. It was noted that the lifeguards currently and will continue to have a direct line to the police station and all lifeguards and staff members will be equipped with walkie talkies.

Motion made and unanimously approved: As of next year no cell phones will be allowed on the beach by lifeguards.

11. Rich Gazoorian's term as appointed representative to the CPC is set to expire.

Motion made and unanimously approved to reappoint Rich for another three year term.

12. Field usage requests were discussed and the following were approved:

a. Soccer: (8/18-11/13)

i. West River: Monday-Friday 4:00PM-Dusk, Saturday 8:00AM-Dusk

ii. Kiwanis Beach: Monday-Friday 4:00PM-Dusk, Saturday 8:00AM-Dusk

iii. Memorial Field: Monday-Friday 4:00PM-Dusk, Saturday 8:00AM-Dusk

iv. Request made to start 2 weeks earlier than originally requested. Rich Gazoorian will consult with Vin Roy to see when the fields will be ready to use.

b. Women's Soccer (beginning 9/11 for an 8 week season) Kiwanis Beach, Sundays 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

c. Upton Baseball : Kiwanis Beach Wednesday 4:00-6:00PM, Saturdays 10:00-5:00

13. Board addressed the possibility of bringing in FAST, an organization that has coaches come in and direct various athletic programs for kids at varying costs. They are located in Milford and run programs across New England.

Motion made and unanimously approved not to pursue the program at this time.

14. Summer Concerts were discussed regarding dates and times in general. Commission tabled the topic. Decisions will be addressed at a future meeting.

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Next meeting scheduled for September 1st at 7:00PM.