

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Provincetown Community Center
44 Bradford Street Provincetown MA 02657
Minutes of Tuesday September 20th, 2011.**

Members Present: Treg Kaeselau, Susan Cook, Carrie Notaro

Members Absent: none

Also in attendance: Brandon Motta, Recreation Director, part time assistant to the Recreation Director, Elizabeth Jackett.

Call to order: 5:30pm

Public comments:
None

New business:

1) Discussion on Annual Joint meeting with BOS

Brandon- Selectmen have asked to meet with all town boards each year, starting in 2011. We need to come up with a date that is convenient for all board members that fits with the bos meeting scheduled. The intention of this meeting is to become acquainted with the selectmen, and to discuss matters of mutual importance as well as common goals for the coming year relative to the recreation department.

Treg- I believe we should think about what direction the department is going in, and everyone come up with some things they think are needed by the department and bring them to our next meeting and we will choose the most relevant to discuss. Also Brandon you should come up with a list that the department has done over the last year, to show what the department has been involved in. Once we have that we should arrange a meeting with the selectmen.

Susan+ Carrie - agreed

Old business:

1) Discussion about transition to VMES –

Brandon- I am given an update on the status every Monday at Staff meeting by the town manager. The status as of Monday is that the town is still awaiting the general contractors bid, which should be in by the end of the month. As of now, there is no real date on when the work will be finished. I would guess maybe it would be done by the end of November, but that's just an estimate.

Treg- Please keep us informed of the status with the vmes transition.

Carrie – Things seem to be moving slowly, they were in a rush to vote on the move and now it seems like everything is moving too slowly. I would like updates on the status. We need to be more proactive.

Brandon- I will give everyone weekly updates I get from staff meeting every Monday. I also think Carrie is right, we need to be more proactive and have our name out there. I think we will need a big

marketing campaign when we move. We want more people using our new space, we want to create a positive atmosphere.

Director's report:

- 1) Update on the Summer Program- Summer program ran 10 and a half weeks from June 27th through September 7th. We had an average of 50 children per day through third week of August, and the rest of the summer was somewhere around 30 children. We have a lot of non-resident children attending our summer program. We were down from our average of 60 last year, probably due to the decrease in the children living in Provincetown. We had several field trips including waterwizz, breakwater, plays, bass river sports, beach forest, and corn hill beach trips. I was very happy with our staff this year, it was leaps ahead of last year. We had three new staff members this year and they worked great with the remaining staff.
Susan- I have one complaint that I have heard from a parent, is that there wasn't enough trips to the beach this summer, and the kids were always hanging out here in the community center too much.
Brandon- I do know that we cut back on the beach trips this summer because of two reasons. One, the west end beach that we walk to, was closed a majority of the summer due to a high bacteria count at that beach. I would rather not have the kids swim, than let them swim in infected water. If we were to go to any other beach, we would have to take a bus, which means we would have to pay the school to use the bus, which we don't haven't budgeted.
Susan- I wasn't aware of the beach closing, or the bus fee. I don't think we should have to pay a fee for a town bus. We should bring that up to the selectmen in our meeting. But I still say that we should have other activities that include the kids with the beaches.
- 2) Skate Tournament update- We held the sixth annual skate tournament on September 3rd. We had a total of 27 registered participants. It went well knights of Columbus helped set up and cook, and there were a lot of spectators there enjoying the show and of course free food. Overall it was a success, and there seem to be more and more kids each year. I think because we moved it to labor day weekend, we are getting attracting out of town kids.

Assistant Director's report:

Afterschool – We have 25 registered children for the afterschool program. Instead of it being ran at the vmes school, we are having the kids bused here and parents picking them up at five. Kids get off the bus and split into two groups, prek-1, and 2nd and up. They are given snack right away and the older kids do homework, and the younger ones have free play in our game room. Then after homework is done we try and do a group activity such as a craft, a game, bingo, wii game, etc. It works well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Treg Kaeselau – Chair of Recreation Commission