

Bolton Recreation Commission
March 25, 2010
Director's Report

In Attendance-

Chairperson: Donald Russell.

Commissioners: Patricia Cushing, Vincent Palazzo, Joan Baldwin, Cheryl Rafferty, Wendy Burkowski, and Deborah Gaddy.

Director: Michelle Cushing

Town Board Liaison: Deann Rehm

Meeting Called to order: 7:33. Meeting adjourned: 8:37

1. Budget: PS- 100,647.77 EQ- 3,000 CE- 22,606.75

2. Recreation Center-

- A. Attendance-See Attached
- B. Calendar- See Reverse
- C. Attendance for field trips has improved. It is unsure whether this is due to increased promotion of trips at school or a lull in the sporting seasons.
- D. The broken doorway has been repaired satisfying the fire code requirement. The two lighted exit sign are scheduled to be installed 3/24/10 in order to satisfy the building code requirements as noted by the Summer Day Camp Inspector.
- E. I have recently discussed that it may be beneficial to allow younger aged children to use the recreation center as a way to increase attendance. Minimally, I would recommend a change of the current policy, allowing a child may participate/attend by their age rather than their grade. Furthermore, it may be beneficial to allow children who are younger than the allowed, fourth grade or 9-year-old age, to attend as the closing of the Koala-T Day Care Center will be effecting **working parents. This topic will be revisited closer to the closing date of the Koala-T Day Care. It appears that the facility will no longer be closing October '10, but remain open for an additional year.**

3. Winter Programs- NA

4. Summer Programs

- A. The Summer Day camp night occurred as scheduled on 3/23/10 in the Recreation Center. A total of 42 students signed up for the program on registration night, with 8 campers being non-Bolton students and 34 being Bolton residents. The camp is at capacity.
- B. Staffing-
 - 1. Currently 8 of the 12 lifeguards from 2009 will be returning, ideally there should be 13-15 guards on depending on the time of season.
 - 2. Arts and Crafts staff is returning.
 - 3. **Theater, Dance, tennis, and baseball coaches have been selected. Need-Soccer Mr. Russell recommended two local students as potential candidates for the soccer position.**
 - 4. Day Camp- Two of the five staff from 2009 have been selected to return this season. There are three very likely candidates that are pending until reference checks and NYS Sex Offender Registry Database Search is completed.

5. Other-

- A. Welcome Cheryl Rafferty as the newest member of the Recreation Commission!
- B. Last year the Town was unable to obtain a Credit Card to aide in purchasing and/or securing some of the Adventure Wednesday and Summer Day Camp Trips. Many establishments agreed to bill the Town as a way to make payments easier. However, placing deposits or purchasing from large "non-local" companies is still a challenge. I am requesting that the Town Reapply for a credit **card or consider purchasing a prepaid VISA for such expenses. Recreation Director has checked w/ TD bank and may obtain VISA Cash Cards up to \$500. Ms. G. Ryan will contact with**

information regarding checking account Debit Card and Credit Card information for municipalities.

- C. The beaches, parks, and lawn were beautiful and clean in 2009. It is kindly requested that the same aggressive approach be taken again this season to be sure that the geese are deterred from landing in the parks.
- D. In August of 2009 the matter of my being reimbursed for mileage was discussed (I was previously reimbursed the summers of 2007-09). It was thought by some that driving to and from the Town Hall to the beaches/parks, tennis lessons, school, and recreation field was part of my job; therefore, I should not be reimbursed. I have stated that many town employees also must drive to and from various locations as their job requires, but they are provided with a Town vehicle or able to put in for reimbursement, and it is my request that I continue to be extended this same privilege /courtesy. Commissioners voted in favor that Director should be reimbursed for all mileage.
- E. Mr. Dennis Murphy, a Bolton School Board member, kindly donated a variety of tee-ball and baseball bats to be used during the Bolton Baseball Club this summer. Many kind thanks for his generosity.
- F. Since the meeting, the Recreation Director has looked into pricing and travel options regarding the Adventure Wednesday Trip to Saratoga Race Course. There is no significant price difference in the Charter Bus Company, Upstate Transit, as opposed to the Bolton Central School Transportation Department.

The April Meeting will be rescheduled for May 20, 2010 to accommodate schedules; weather permitting the meeting shall take place in Veteran's Park at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Michelle R. Cushing
Recreation Director