

**Recreation Commission, June 13, 2012**  
**TOWN OF SCITUATE MASSACHUSETTS**

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

Thursday, June 13, 2012  
6:30 PM

**SCITUATE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE**

Present at meeting: C. Roberts- Chairman, S. Svensen- Commissioner, E. Richman-Commissioner, Shawn Harris-Scituate Selectman, Tracy Johnston-CORSE, Jennifer Vitelli-Recreation Director.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: C. Roberts- Chairman of the Recreation Commission called Meeting to order at 6:45p.m. Mr. Svensen second the motion. Requisitions were signed before the meeting began.

NEW BUSINESS: Tracy Johnston began with concerns about the Special Education summer programs.

SPED department has an All-Stars program from last year that was 2 weeks long and overlapped by 1 week with another program offered. The Special Education Department made the Recreation Commission choose between summer programs, customized camp vs. social service. A meeting on 1/12/12 was held to decide when the 2 week customized camp was to start. Tracy Johnston, Kristin Erickson, Jim Kelleher, Judy Norton, Jen Vitelli were all at the meeting on 1/12/12. Nothing was resolved at this meeting, and today, a parent came in and was upset with how the situation was being handled. The main objective stated of CORSE is trying to help participants and give them the support that they need. 13 PLC/ILC families are involved with this program. 8 of the 13 wrote emails and have no notice with only 2 days of school left. New superintendent wanted to hire new teachers for the week of July 2nd, Kristin Erickson was referred to schools attorney and was told that whatever is in the IEP matters on 6/5/12. As of 6/13/12, Kristin was being forced to pick either the All-Star camp or social services. The Special Education director made decisions before talking with CORSE or the Recreation Department. Scituate Public Schools are preventing kids from being involved in the program and Jim Kelleher said to Judy Norton that they would not schedule camps around teachers vacation. The families of participants in the All-Stars camp are only upset about the scheduling conflict and someone needs to have the open position be filled by a qualified teacher. Phone calls starting tomorrow 6/14/12 will be made to figure this issue out. In a team meeting, the school psychologist does not recommend the CORSE program to students. The Recreation Commission is requesting a meeting for tomorrow (6/14/12). The commission also noticed that no other local communities offer a program like All-Stars.

Re-Organization: A motion to reappoint Rob McCreery was made by Mr. Richman, all were in favor. A motion to reappoint Eric Richman was made by Mr. Svensen, all were in favor. Ms. Vitelli and Mr. Roberts are wanting to turn a previously dirt field into a turf field and finances were the only concerns. The moving of the boathouse will be happening soon. There was no approvals on the master plans for the playground and softball fields, discussed by Mr. Richman. The Flannery Project is being working on, and there is some questioning on how it is being funded. If funds are raised, work will start in the fall, if not, then in the spring. The basketball courts will be redone in a couple of weeks and the PJ Steverman Rink is being done right now. Mr. Svensen Council on Disabilities meeting and was asked to have handicap port-a-potties at beaches and fields, and all new facilities need to be accessible for anyone with disabilities. We are looking into having wheelchairs accessible for beachgoers at all 5 beaches; there is one at Humarock that can be signed out for use. Beaches open June 23rd. There has been no response from Ross Maki about the soccer program.

Adjournment: Mr. Svensen motioned to adjourn, Mr. Richman second the motion. All in favor. Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.