

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Monday, May 16, 2016 @ 5:00 PM
Open Meeting - Council Chambers - Town Hall
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Timothy Quillen	Chairman	Present
Cheryl Dowdell	Vice Chair	Absent
Julia Beasley	Commissioner	Absent
Ryan Campbell	Commissioner	Present
Sonita K. Cummings	Commissioner	Present
David Currier	Commissioner	Absent
Keith D. DeMerchant	Commissioner	Present
Donna M. Deyorio	Commissioner	Present
Jodi Frank	Commissioner	Absent
Richard E. Horstmann	Commissioner	Absent
Thomas L. Nowell	Commissioner	Absent
Edward Vazquez	Commissioner	Present
Holly Eaves	Commissioner	Present

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Additional Priorities in Ninigret Park

Chairman Quillen introduced a correspondence from Commission member Julia Beasley requesting funds for the ice skating rink. He noted the budget was on the back side.

The process and procedure of requests was asked to be identified.

Commissioner Eaves noted there were the existing five (5) priorities that were currently being worked on and that there were requests that keep coming up and are getting approved outside those priorities and that is how the second list came up.

The Commission discussed the ice rink and the disc golf requests.

TM Dyer from the Disc Golf course mentioned he could continue work on the disc golf course with \$9,000 total. The total was \$3,000 per project for three (3) projects.

It was noted the ice rink cost request was \$700.

The Commission discussed the zip line request. The Commission decided to generalize the request by calling it additional playground equipment.

The multipurpose trail was cited and identified as the bike path.

Commissioner Campbell read the priorities from the 2004 survey.

Restrooms were cited. The Commission discussed the location of current Clivus composting toilets.

The Commission discussed the need for lighting at the Sr. Community Center and potential funding sources.

The Commission discussed a tree farm. Dan Alves spoke about the tree farm. He noted that the plan was to take what was already in the park and plant it in a restoration nursery for later use. The Commission discussed the issue of a water source.

The Commission discussed electricity and the location of it in the park.

The Commission discussed picnic groves along the park.

Commissioner Campbell identified funding sources. The Commission discussed funding sources.

The Commission discussed the Recreation Center lighting as a safety concern and moving it up on the list.

The Commission discussed the restrooms then the bike path.

Commission Chairman Quillen noted that at the special meeting the Commission came up with 6 priorities for future priorities to be brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- 1. Recreational Center Lighting
- 2. Ice Skating Rink
- 3. Disc Golf
- 4. Additional Restrooms
- 5. Bike Path
- 6. Additional Playground Equipment

Commissioner Campbell noted that the caveat would be the list was to help the Director too.

RESULT: NO VOTE TAKEN

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chairman Quillen to adjourn.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Holly Eaves, Commissioner
SECONDER: Edward Vazquez, Commissioner
AYES: Eaves, Quillen, Campbell, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Vazquez
ABSENT: Dowdell, Beasley, Currier, Frank, Horstmann, Nowell