

Open Space & Recreation June, 14, 2017 Monthly Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Chair Dennis Visconti at 6:32 pm.

Attendees. Dennis Visconti, Cynthia Hemenway, Steve Sylvester, Stephen McDonough, James Sarno, Maura Campbell, Therese DiBlasi, Cathy Richardson, David Goodberg

Absent members, John Bracchiotti, Steve Angelo, Recreation Director Late, Aldo Ursino.

Agenda items:

- 1.) Approve minutes from May. This will be done at July's meeting.
- 2.) GOLF: Due to poor weather conditions, i.e. rain and extreme heat, participants playing rounds of golf is down. It is hoped that with improved weather conditions, participants and rounds of golf being played will improve enough to get back to average or better.
- 3.) RECREATION: Discussion about OSR having a booth at Town Day, Sept. 16. We may help Steve Angelo with his Recreation Booth. Can talk about the Open Space Plan with visitors. Residents have made it clear they want fields and parks to be upgraded. Residents also want a Dog Park. Many fields covered in litter, broken glass, dog and geese poop, etc. Steve Sylvester recommended the OSR committee send a letter requesting action sooner than later on these projects, especially park and field maintenance.
- 4.) OPEN SPACE PLAN: Cindy Hemenway expressed discouragement over the fact that the OS Plan still is not completed even though the plan was supposed to have been completed by June 30, 2017, or lose the OS grant. Steve McDonough explained we will not lose the grant as long as it is being actively worked on. However, no grants can be applied for until the OS Plan is completed.
- 5.) DOG PARK: Town Administrator, Thomas Younger is in favor of the Dog Park and is open to Recreation Director Steve Angelo to oversee/be in charge of the 501C3 (not for profit) Dog Park project.
- 6.) ARENA: Lou Chuilli, Manager of Stoneham's Ice Rink made a presentation. He has lost the office manager position, which is currently posted as an 18 hour (Union) position. Operating the ice rink is a burden to Lou due to all the extra work he has to do without an office manager. Hopefully the position will be filled ASAP. Lou claims the software for billing has been fixed. New Ice Arena contracts will be short term or long term. Terms should be written to penalize late payers. Rate Increases, as of July 1, 2017. (see attached) Lou states the rates are now more competitive with ice rinks in surrounding communities. Stoneham HS and Stoneham Youth Hockey rates will be negotiated by the Town Administrator and Town Accountant. Lou strongly states this is not his responsibility. Lou feels a "pro shop" would enhance revenue along with vendors, naming rights, trade shows, events, comedy

7.) Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

8.) **Recreation Report:** Summer programming will kick off on June 19th with a new program with Stoneham TV. The program sold out within 12 hours of going live for registration. We have over 17 programs which will be guaranteed to run this summer already with registrations coming in still. A postcard with program offerings was delivered to over 1,000 households in Stoneham. These were houses which have children under 18 years old since the last census. Steve is working on finalizing a few Pop Up events for Seniors and Adults for the common and working with Maureen at the Senior Center to try to expand programming in that building. As of July 1, permit fees will remain the same for the fall sports organizations.

Stephen J. Angelo Jr.

Prepared by Cynthia Hemenway

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

STONEHAM ARENA WILL BE
INCREASING FEES AND RATES.

50 MINUTE RENTAL \$275.00.

GAME OR EVENT ICE \$285.00.

EARLY MORNING ICE \$225.00.

ADULT PUBLIC SKATE \$8.00.

PUBLIC SKATE CHILDREN--16 &
UNDER & SENIORS \$5.00;

STICK PRACTICE \$15.00.

SKATE RENTALS \$10.00.