

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION – CALENDAR YEAR 2007

2007 was a successful year for the Town of Upton's Recreation Commission. We were able to continue some of the programs we started last year and start up a few new programs. Along with many other people in town, we also worked towards getting all the necessary approvals and plans for a full-sized soccer/lacrosse field and associated parking across from the Glen Echo development. We also re-instituted a Fields sub-committee to help us in addressing the town's fields needs based upon the Recreation Master Plan data that was finalized in 2006.

The Recreation Commission welcomed a new member, Paul Pirozzi in May. We would like to thank former member Jacqueline Pilot for her years of volunteer service as a member of the Recreation Commission. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

The Upton Town Beach and Athletic Facility had a very successful beach program in the summer of 2007. We listened to the citizens' and parent's feedback after the 2006 program and believe we made changes that made the 2007 summer programs even better. This would not have been possible without all of the good work done by the Swim Instructor, Swim Aides, Lifeguards, Gatekeepers, and the Groundskeepers. The beach program's success also would not have been possible without the assistance and support from Parks Supervisor John Johnson, Jr. and DPW Administrative Assistant Carol Peterson. We would like to thank them all for their efforts in 2007. A special thanks is in order for our Recreation Director, Christine Horn who was hired this past spring. Her efforts have really improved and increased the Recreation Commission's offerings.

During the summer of 2007, the Recreation Commission once again ran a Summer Program at the Upton Town Beach and Athletic Facility named the Kids@Play Summer Program. Approximately 180 different children (grades K-7) spent part of their summer at this fun program. Without the hard work of all of the Program Directors and Counselors, this successful program would not have been possible, so we thank them for their important contributions.

As usual, the Town Beach Softball field saw plenty of use from the Upton Youth Club's various softball teams and the Upton Men's and Women's Softball Leagues in 2007. The Town Beach Soccer field was back on-line for the Fall 2007 after allowing the seeding that took place in the Fall of 2005 as part of the re-grading and irrigation work to take hold and grow sufficiently. Both the Mendon Upton Youth Soccer Association and the Mendon Upton Youth Lacrosse Association held practices and a full slate of games on this field.

The West River Street Soccer field had a busy schedule of Under-10 boys and girls games and some practices in the Spring 2007 season. The condition of this field would best be described as fair presently, although practices were limited on this field in 2007 in an effort to allow the grass to grow more fully, this did not happen. Due to its location in the Flood Plain, this field is limited to an organic fertilization program that is often much more slow-acting than a more conventional 4-step program. In agreement with the

Youth Soccer program, this field was not used in the Fall of 2007 to allow the field to rest and also to allow for the irrigation work to be done. Unfortunately due to approvals necessary from the state, the Recreation Commission was not able to get the work done for the irrigation in 2007. Now with everything in place, we hope to get it done prior to the Spring 2008 season.

The Howard Leland Memorial Field behind the Memorial Elementary School was open to baseball play in the Spring, and soccer practices and games in the Fall. The field conditions for soccer were usable, but the infields of both fields are in poor condition and this really limited the usage for baseball. Additionally, the fields are laid out improperly as it relates to sun orientation, making the times that these fields can be utilized to be limited. The first order of business for the Rec-Com Fields sub-committee is to look into what improvements could be made to these fields and at what cost and sources of funding.

In December of 2006 an outdoor ice rink was purchased with proceeds from the Kids@Play Summer program and installed in the tennis court at the Memorial School. This rink had a very successful season where from mid-January to late February 2007 many kids and adults alike enjoyed skating and hockey on the rink for 6 straight weeks. We would like to thank the handful of townspeople who assisted in assembling and filling this rink with water and opening/closing/maintaining this rink, your efforts are greatly appreciated. The rink has been set up again for the 2008 winter season, at the time of this writing temperatures are in the 60's, so we are hoping for another cold snap to allow us to open the rink up soon.

In 2007, the Upton Recreation Commission offered the following new recreation opportunities to Upton:

- Kayak rentals offered at the Town Beach
- Recyclable Boat Race at Town Beach
- Children's Youth Theater
- Adult Ballroom Dance lessons
- Adult Volleyball – pickup
- Volleyball tournament for Middle/High School students (as a DECA project)

Existing programs:

- Swim Lessons at Upton Town Beach
- Life Guard coverage at Upton Town Beach
- Kids@Play Summer Program for grades K-7
- Holiday Gingerbread House Contest (in conjunction with Girl Scout)
- Outdoor Ice Rink at Memorial School Tennis Court

The present Recreation Commission is very interested in offering additional recreation opportunities to the citizens of Upton. We are also open to suggestions on future programs, you can drop us a note at: Rec-Com, PO Box 808, Upton or via e-mail at reccom@upton.ma.us – we would like to hear from you.

We look forward to working with and for the citizens of Upton to drive more recreation opportunities in town.

Dave Adams, Chairman
Tim Alibozek
Paul Pirozzi

Calendar Year 2007 Upton Recreation Commission Financial Results

Town Beach program:

\$ 8000.00	Lifeguard/Gatekeeper salary account starting balance
- \$ 8000.00	Partial salary to Summer Beach employees

\$ 0.00	Ending balance *

* remainder of above salaries are paid out of gate/swim lesson receipts which are deposited into the Parks Dept. Revolving Account. The Parks Dept. has been processing the payroll for the lifeguards/gatekeepers/swim instructors/swim aides over the past years.

Ice Rink Maintenance:

\$ 1000.00	Ice Rink Maintenance beginning account
- \$ 420.85	Expenditures in 2007

\$ 579.15	Ice Rink Maintenance balance(returned to General Fund on 7/1/2007)

Kids@Play 2007 Summer Program:

\$ 53,304.00	Kids@Play Revenue
- \$ 29,659.00	Kids@Play Payroll
- \$ 7,786.75	Kids@Play Expenses

\$ 15,858.25	Kids@Play Balance

Volleyball Student tournament (joint Rec-Com/DECA class project):

\$ 450.00	Revenues
- \$ 300.00	Prizes
- \$ 190.00	Facility Rental

\$ - 40.00	Loss

Gingerbread Contest:

\$ 84.00	Contestant registration
-\$ 132.00	Advertising

\$ - 48.00	Loss

Fiscal ½ Year 2007 New Programs Account:

\$ 2290.98	1/1/2007 Beginning Balance
- \$ 645.12	2007 expenditures – volleyball equipment

\$ 1645.86	New Programs balance(returned to General Fund on 7/1/2007)

Fall Ballroom Dancing Program:

\$ 2125.00	Class revenues
- \$ 1870.00	Instruction fee
- \$ 66.00	Advertising

\$ 189.00	Ballroom Dance balance

Fall Youth Theater Program:

\$ 1140.00	Class revenues
-\$ 569.11	Instruction fee and expenses
-\$ 66.00	Advertising

\$ 504.89	Youth Theater Balance

Adult pickup Volleyball program(free program in summer, started charging in Fall):

\$ 245.00	Fall/Winter at-door collections
- \$ 600.00	Summer/Fall/Winter payroll in 2007

\$ -355.00	Volleyball Loss (due to free summer session offered)

Recreation Director Payroll Account:

\$ 1,833.00	May/June 2007 beginning balance(STM allocation)
-\$ 1470.00	Rec. Director pay May/June 2007

\$ 363.00	Balance (returned to General Fund on 7/1/07)
\$ 12,000.00	Fiscal Year 2008 beginning balance
-\$ 5,510.00	Calendar Year 2007 Rec. Director payroll

\$ 6,490.00	Rec. Director payroll account balance on 1/1/2008