

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, December 9, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board: Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Ed Marchion, Jen Win-Johnson, Don Woods, Kathy Zolad, Bill DeBlasio

Board Members Absent: Robert Fresen, Ken Leggo, Richard Khentigan

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 14, 2014**

**Eileen Francolino made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting. Kathy Zolad seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**NONE**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

The new brochure has gone out for the winter programs. Basketball season, meeting with the coaches getting them ready for the opening of the season, the enrollment number is over 500 participants. Holiday program went well, the Holiday lights were turned on, on Sunday. There will be a new member on the Board, Beth Manke.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**Tree Planting:**

After last month's meeting Bruce took the opportunity to speak to Jim Barnicle and the residents of Crestview Drive. A proposal that was put together will be brought to the council for approval. Something will be done about a tree policy throughout town and money will be set aside in the budget this coming year for tree replacements that were on town property. Bruce has gotten certain tree species that have been recommended, everything will be going through the tree warden, Tom Lapierre, he will write off on everything that will be going on. The policy has not been approved as of yet just reviewed by the Town Council but it is being addressed. Don mentioned that he saw the meeting and there was a good exchange between the Council and Mr. Barnicle. They will be replacing the trees on Crestview and grinding the stumps at no cost to the owners.

**MDC Projects:**

The project in the Mill Pond Park area went really well. They did great with the PR and made sure there was a clear understanding of what was going on to the public. There is just some restoration on Brookdale Avenue that needs to be completed to fix some lawn damage done by the vehicles and they will be back to finish that.

### **Chapel:**

This project has been very positive. Parks and Recreation Crew have dug the footing foundation and serving as our own GC for the project. Bruce is using the architects plan with some modifications. Bruce did not accept the bids that came in from the different contractors. He has broken it out and will be doing it in pieces which will bring the project well under budget now. There should be enough money left to replace the shingles on the roof of the existing chapel and everything will match and the crew will also hook up water sewer to it too. Bruce met with several people that had concerns about the design and the landscaping in the children's area how it will affect the area. Bruce talked with them and worked everything out.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget:**

Bruce presented the capital budget to the Manager today. He has put in for the Community Center and furnishings like he has done in the past. Focus groups have met and Bruce has distributed the information on that. The building committee still has a lot of options and possibilities to look at for the future Town Hall/Community Center. Bruce put in three proposals for the pools in the CIP. Churchill pool is in need of a new filtration system Bruce is in the process of getting quotes. He has budgeted 25,000 for the filtration. The condition of neighborhood parks, one of the parks close to the New Britain town line is still getting vandalized. Bruce does not want to put any money into that park and may remove the playscape if that continues. Bruce is having a study done with soils, wetlands and boundaries for Churchill Park and looking into a new playscape for Churchill Park because the existing one needs to be updated, Bruce has budgeted \$100,000 for the equipment. Since both of the pools, Churchill and Mill Pond, are beyond their expectancy, Bruce recommends building a new large aquatics facility with a spray park at Mill Pond instead of renovating the old pools. Bruce is looking into a software program that will track field usage and would be very useful for the parks and recreation department; he is just needs to fine one that will easily integrate with the financial and existing computer software.

### **Extras:**

Billy DeBlasio mentioned that little league is looking to build a small batting cage at Clem Lemiere, something they could use year round. Jen Win-Johnson mentioned rebuilding our relationship with the Newington swim team this year to see if they would consider staying in Newington for the summer. Seven programs were cancelled today, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 because the gym roof was leaking several areas and it was not safe.

## **VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Bill DeBlasio. Kathy Zolad seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with a 7-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Jay