

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Zolad called the meeting to order at 7:28PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Bill DeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Robert Fresen, Richard Khentigan, Ed Marchion, Jim Marocchini, Jeff Perillo, Mary Udice, Don Woods (via speakerphone) and Kathy Zolad

Board Members Absent: Jen Win-Johnson

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Liaison: None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2012

Richard Khentigan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012 was unanimously approved with a 10-0 vote.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The monthly report was emailed to all board members. Richard Khentigan asked if residents Bruce Till had met with had any major concerns. Bruce Till did meet with residents and held discussions regarding various things happening around town.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Since the weather has been so good; a lot of outside work has been done at schools and parks. There has been a lot of participation in our recreation programs. The spring brochure went out recently and the department has been working on getting the summer brochure ready. The basketball programs have been very busy.

NHS PROJECT

Bruce Till is meeting with the contractor this week to go over all the concerns on the projects that have not been completed. The dug-outs won't be completed by spring and the varsity coach has been advised. Varsity games have been arranged to be played at Clem Lemire field.

MILL POND

The stairs have been completed. There is drainage area at the bottom to be done and an area at the top that still needs to be blended. There were certain areas that should have been completed before other projects began.

EXTRAVAGANZA

The Extravaganza Committee met tonight. The contracts have been signed for the band, carnival and the fireworks. We are using the same prices with vendors as last year. There is a plan to have Don Woods promote the Extravaganza on television. Also, there is a plan to looking into changing skate day to field day and Stephanie will look into the cost.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET

The Town Manager is still meeting with department heads. Projects that have been put forward by the Parks and Recreation department to be considered in the next five years are:

design/renovations for Churchill Park/Pool, design/renovations for Mill Pond Park/Pool, and renovations of the current Mortensen Community Center. Bruce Till also spoke about proposing a stand alone Community Center that included an aquatics component. Richard Khentigan thought the land across from the skate park should be considered. Kathy Zolad thinks we should prioritize our projects and once we get direction from the town then we could proceed with the planning. Don Woods asked everyone to give this topic serious thought. Since there would be a large number of board members absent next month, it was decided to cancel the March meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Jim Marochini to cancel the March meeting. Jeff Perillo seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the March meeting was cancelled with a 10-0 vote.

Eileen Francolino asked if summer camps were going to be extended from 6/7 weeks to 8 weeks. Bruce Till will look into this. Eileen Francolino asked about the skate park. Bruce Till said that the skate park will be fenced in soon and caulking will be done once the weather is consistently warmer. Bill DeBlasio asked about the lighting. CL&P has not gotten back to the department.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Jeff Perillo to adjourn. Richard Khentigan seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM with a 10-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
