

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, June 18, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Absent: Robert Fresen, Jeff Perillo

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 21, 2013

Kathy Zolad made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting. Jim Marocchini seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Rose Lyons, 26 Elton Drive. She mentioned a few areas around town need to be looked at and cleaned up. The path way that runs from Elton Drive and Farmstead up to St. Mary's, around the senior center and elderly housing, need to be cleaned up of the yard debris that has been accumulating before the extravaganza. Drainage issues around the area of the Probate Court.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Monthly Report FROM SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE TILL

In answer to Eileen's question is overtime common in the spring, Bruce said the parks and rec department has been getting ball fields ready, mowing is being done and Tennis courts have just been finished. More seasonal people would be helpful to take care of Rose Lyon's requests. Bruce is keeping up with the maintenance of highly used areas, ie: the parks, and keeping them attractive. Bruce mentioned that it is difficult with the weather not cooperating, the amount of acreage that needs to be taken care of, to the amount of employees that the department has but he is trying to be efficient and accomplish all jobs.

Aquatics: Personnel is all set, staff is being trained. There is a lot of training for camp counselors and also aquatics.

Relay for life: Currently being held at Mill Pond Park. Parks and Rec dept. does not run this event; just supply the area and staff for assistance. Bruce would like to see the event moved to the High School, there would be more accommodations (bathrooms and the track) for that size of a crowd.

Camp Programs: Registration was down as of the beginning of June but should pick up once the kids are out of school.

After School Program: Jen Win Johnson asked Bruce if the parks and rec department would be helping with an after school program during early dismal weeks. Bruce spoke to Dr. Collins and would like to help out set up some programs, there may be funding by a grant or by the Board of Ed. To be discussed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Pool Analysis: Bruce has received the final study. Everyone on the commission received a report for Churchill and Mill Pond pools. Extra copies to go to the council and will also be made available for the public. Bruce has completed some projects that the study recommended be done to both pools. Leaks repaired, caulking, tightened expansion joints, and pools have been painted with epoxy paint. Churchill: three major leaks have been patched, diving boards will be removed because of the configuration of the pool they are no longer safe, may be replaced with a slide or a platform. Spending any significant amount of money would not be sensible not knowing the extended life of the pool. Two lifts have been ordered to meet the ADA code and the lifts will go in each pool. This summer pools will be open and solved a major leak at Churchill. Mary mentioned that the Pool bath house is not ADA compliant and would like it addressed, Bruce asked the Commission to review the final reports and more will be discussed at next meeting.

Community Center: RFP for the new architects, next meeting will be July 1st.

Golf Tournament: The department should make close to \$10,000 all the expenses have not yet been totaled. This money can be used for the pool lifts which cost \$5,000 each.

VII. NEW BUSINESS & REMARKS

Soccer Club: Don mentioned Bruce was recently put in a difficult position in regards cancelling the soccer clubs annual tournament and received a lot of pressure from the club. Board members should support his decision. The ramifications were great to the soccer club however there was a high risk of injury to the players and damage to the field because of the rain that had fallen over the last week and that by far outweighed those of financial concerns.

Rose would like public participation added to the agenda at the end of the meeting so the public can comment at the end of the meeting as well.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Richard Khentigan to adjourn. Ed Marchion seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm with a 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay