

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, March 11, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Zolad called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Richard Khentigan, Ed Marchion, Ken Leggo, Bill DeBlasio, Jen Win-Johnson, Kathy Zolad, Don Woods via phone.

Board Members Absent: Robert Fresen

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 11, 2014.

Eileen Francolino made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting. Ken Leggo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Amended from the February Meeting:

Election of Officers:

Kathy Zolad asked for nominations for the position of Secretary

Motion was made by Ed Marchion to nominate Eileen Francolino for the position of Secretary. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Zolad turned the meeting over to Eileen Francolino

Eileen asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson

Motion was made by Ed Marchion to nominate Kathy Zolad for the position of Vice Chairperson. Ritch Khentigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eileen asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson

Motion was made by Ed Marchion to nominate Don Woods for the position of Chairperson. Ritch Khentigan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Eileen turned the meeting back over to Kathy Zolad

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

The Bus Trip was cancelled.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Community Center:

Meetings with the architect and construction manager have been basically addressing the needs of the Town Hall. There have been several meetings with them and the team that was put together by the town department heads. Some meetings have been deferred until there is more information. Still working on numbers and have gotten some direction from the Mayor on where the Mayor would like to be, meeting again with the construction manager and architect on Thursday March 13th and if there is enough information to go back to the building committee

then another meeting will be scheduled. Kathy mentioned the March 3rd Building Committee meeting was cancelled, Don asked if there is another meeting scheduled, as of yet there is not another meeting but if there is more information from the Thursday meeting then there may be a meeting with the Building Committee on March 17th.

Mill Pond Gazebo:

The donation has been received, structure ordered. Bruce is putting together a site plan to present to the TPZ and the Conservation Commission. There is Department of Public Works meeting on Wednesday March 12th to review with the Town Engineer before submitting the application. Including a few new items with the site plan, over the winter months the Parks Department staff built a new dock taking the old dock out and ordered exercise equipment to be installed in an area at Mill Pond Park with all age group capabilities and will be a nice addition to the park. Also working with the police department to move the camera and have them contribute to new cameras in different locations in the park.

Extravaganza

The staff is working very diligently on everything and it is looking good.

Memorial for Dennis Bonitsky

Bruce is going forward with the bench and tree (Dogwood) that he discussed at the last meeting. At the moment, scoping out a few locations in the cemetery for this. Bruce will be in touch with Dennis' wife in the near future to let her know about the memorial.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Golf Tournament

All the material for registration and sponsorship is ready to be mailed. The kids in the transition area have helped put all of the envelopes together. The kids in the transition area have been helping/volunteering with the parks and rec department and have had a good working relationship with them. We have a signed contract with Indian Hill, still planning on running the event on the same day and time as last year. Working with their food and beverage department and getting everything together and it should be a go. Unless the golf course isn't in operation the tournament is on.

Concussion Legislation

Kathy Zolad mentioned about the concussion legislation that is in Hartford right now. There is a Bill that they are looking to expand into the Recreation Department level of certain sports programs and could hold a lot of liability exposure. Kathy would like this tied to the Good Samaritan law and would like more information sent out to the committee. Bruce is in the process of reviewing the legislation.

From Bruce:

- In the process of wrapping up all winter programs. There will be a luncheon on Saturday for all of the Basketball Volunteers.
- The spring brochure is out and will be distributed in the Newington Life insert.
- The Parks and Rec Department is in the process of interviewing candidates for summer positions.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Ritch Khentigan to adjourn. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm with a 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay