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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Parks & Recreation Department

Bruce Till
Superintendent

NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Bill DeBlasio (7:35PM), Eileen Francolino, Bernie Feeney, Ken Leggo (7:35PM), Ed Marchion, Mary Udice, Don Woods, Kathy Zolad

Board Members Absent: Jon Boni, Jeff Hedberg, Bob Tofeldt

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Liaison: None present

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2011

MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2011. Kathy Zolad seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2011 was unanimously approved with a 6-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rose Lyons of 46 Elton Drive was present and addressed the board regarding the pathway by the Senior Center. She would like gravel and/or dirt put on the pathway since it is heavily used.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The April monthly report was e-mailed to all board members.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

EXTRAVAGANZA

The Extravaganza Committee has been meeting. The liquor permit is back. They are awaiting the permit for the fireworks. They are working on the entertainment and sponsorships.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The weather was great and so was the turnout for the golf tournament. There was 112 golfers this year as opposed to 120 golfers in 2010. The registration had been slow initially but the Parks & Recreation department rallied to get additional players and sponsors. The auction went well and the majority of the money made will go to Camp Sunrise which is a camp for special needs children. Transportation and staff costs are high for this camp which services approximately 12 children.

FIELD

Things are progressing at the Clem Lemire Field. Meetings will be held every Thursday. There are some "soft" areas on the field closest to the skate park which means that it is undetermined what is underneath that area. Additional gravel may be needed to strengthen it. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The logo was taken out during negotiations and this is currently being reviewed. Don Woods asked where the surplus soil is going. Bruce Till is looking into this since the topsoil is very good and once screened could be reused. Ken Leggo asked what sports would be lined at the field. Bruce Till answered that football and soccer would be lined.

MILL POND

There was a pre-construction meeting. The stairway by the waterfalls and the bridge by the tennis courts will be replaced. One project will be done before the extravaganza and the other project should be done after. A structural engineer was hired to look at both bridges. The department will look into the price of replacing the other bridge as well as the price of repairing it.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

SKATE PARK

Mrs. Wrobel provided a list of children who would be willing to work with Bill DeBlasio regarding the skate park memorials for her son Shayne. Bill DeBlasio has spoke to Mrs. Wrobel and about 20 children regarding repainting the ramps grey and painting one ramp purple with a memorial signing on the back. A tree will be planted as a memorial as well. Bill DeBlasio also mentioned that cracks that need to be filled there and a light installed there may help prevent further vandalism.

Bruce Till added that the Fishing Derby also had a great turn-out. Mary Udice inquired whether the town or the state would be responsible for the Newington sign at the bottom of Route 175 since the grounds need to be maintained. Bruce Till will check on this.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Kathy Zolad to adjourn, Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM with a 8-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loralyn Callahan