

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, November 19, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Absent: Kathy Zolad

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 17, 2013

Richard Khentigan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Thanked Jim Marocchini for his service on the Board. Also she would like to see the agenda on the web site and send out notification through email.

Monica Sadil and her mother, Arleta Sadil, 45 Lamplighter Lane: Monica is a girl scout who is working toward her silver award badge. She sat in on the meeting to see how the meeting is held.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Monthly Report: Don Woods mentioned that the work at the Boundless Playground at Mill Pond Park has been finished and looks amazing and the guys did a nice job. Ben and Mark were trained to work with the patching materials and making the area safe. Mary Udice asked if the patching material will survive the winter temperatures but at this point it is unknown. The patching was done while the temperatures were warm. The cost of materials was \$5,000.00.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Community Center: At the last building committee meeting copies of plans were provided by the architect that included conceptual drawings of the new community center and the budget, both still a work in progress. Continuously working with the architect and construction manager to take a look at different alternatives to enhance what they first did keeping the budget in mind. Bruce is meeting with them again in the coming weeks. There will be new members serving at the next building committee meeting.

Lamplighter Lane park: removed the old playground equipment, relocated the playground area to field up above. Path ways to the field have been cleared and to cut down on vandalism. Individual pieces were used instead of a large playscape was put in. Monica Sadil of 45 Lamplighter Lane commented that the kids and the family's like it. Neighbors in the area say that it is an improvement. Rich Kentighan asked why there is not a fence around the area there are woodchips that will need to be refurbished

Mill Pond Gazebo: Looking into replacing the gazebo and have reached out to the Mandell Family and a few other people for donations. Bruce suggested the gazebo be replaced with a pavilion type of structure. It is larger than the gazebo and can fit more people, it will be opened up which will decrease vandalism. There is money in the playground account in the capital budget. The structure alone would cost between 12 to 15 thousand dollars. The life span of the pavilion is approximately 20 to 25 years. Bruce, Don and Rich would like to have a meeting with the Mandell family regarding the Gazebo donations. The plaque from the gazebo will be moved to the new structure. **Motion was made by Mary Udice to have Bruce Till proceed with getting all the information necessary for replacing the gazebo at Mill Pond Park with a budget of ten to fifteen thousand dollars. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Security Camera at Mill Pond Park: Currently located on the side of the town hall building which gives coverage across the street to alert that there are people causing trouble in the park but they are unable to identify the people. Bruce would like to move the camera to a better location in Mill Pond Park it will make it easy to identify people in the park, gazebo and pool area. Price for a new camera set up would cost approximately \$15,000. However, if the camera that is on the side of the town hall building is moved to the park the cost would only be approximately \$5,000. With the use of wireless transmitters it can feed into the police department and anywhere else Bruce wants it to be monitored. Signs will be posted in the park that there is a surveillance camera area. **Motion was made by Mary Udice to spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 to move the camera that is located on the side of Town Hall to the location Bruce Till has chosen in Mill Pond Park. Richard Khentigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Eagle Scout Project: The path at Churchill Park which is now named the Bob Stanley Trail. The Boy scouts went over to the park last weekend and cleared it out and cleaned up the area. Ed Marchion donated wood chips for the scouts to use.

Capital Budget: Bruce discussed the monies to be allotted for future proposed projects for the parks and recreation department. Future projects are the proposed Community Center and supplies and furniture for the center, Turf field at Clem Lemire, neighborhood playgrounds, aquatics facility at Mill Pond, future pool studies, West Meadow Cemetery chapel, and field renovations at the Anna Reynolds School.

Don Woods is requesting the date of the Parks and Recreation meetings be changed to the second Tuesday of the month. It works better with everyone's schedule. **Motion was made by Bill DeBlasio that the Parks and Recreation meeting meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm starting January 2014. Richard Khentigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Eileen wanted to let everyone know that the public really like the 'N' on the football field it was a big hit.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mady Kenny, 53 Crestview Drive: Wanted to know how the Eagle Scout project at Churchill Park how will it be maintained. Don Woods mentioned the grounds department will maintain the area. Also she had concerns about the disposal or recycling of the synthetic turf field in the future and are the figures to do this included in the capital budget. Bruce clarified and the money in the capital budget will only be used for a new field and maintenance.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Mentioned there should be some kind of maintenance schedule for areas around town to be cleaned up. Rose asked if the West Center Cemetery fencing can be replaced with a material that does not have to be painted every few years. Bruce mentioned all materials have been donated for the scouts to paint the fence in the past. Rose had questions regarding the Synthetic Turf Field in the capital budget and what the money was allotted for.

Arleta Sadil, 45 Lamplighter Lane: Mentioned that more kids should come to meetings so they feel co-ownership of the town.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Richard Khentigan to adjourn. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm with an 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay