

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, September 17, 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

Board Members Absent: Kathy Zolad, Jen Win-Johnson

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 16, 2013

Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion. The motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Correspondence

Thank you note from Don Woods to the Churchill Pool Staff for their skilled response to the incident that happened last month and also to Sharon and Michelle for their commitment in providing top-notch training for the pool staff.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Union met on Saturday, if the Council agrees on everything there will be a new contract. It will be good for the town.

Projects in Town:

Clem Lemiere: Additional parking spaces have been created at Clem Lemiere, using new paving material, all funded by a state grant. TPZ and Conservation Commission would like to use it as a model.

Churchill Park: paved the circle on upper portion and handicap parking was redone. Walking strip from main gate to pool gate now meets ADA code and easier access for wheelchair and tripping hazards on the way to pool have been taken care of. No utility bills have come in yet for pool to determine how many gallons of water have been used this year. Major leak have been fixed.

Mill Pond: A lot of work done on the play scape at Mill Pond Park with the poured in place. Money has been set aside for other playgrounds in town.

Lamplighter Lane park: removed the old playground equipment, relocating the playground area to field up above. In the process of clearing out path ways to the field and other areas to cut down on vandalism.

Newington High School: Renovations have done to the fields.

Financial reports for Extravaganza/Golf Tournament: Sponsorship was up this year for the Extravaganza. Some expenses went down, no pony ride. Eileen spoke with Newington Swim Club as a new sponsor next year. Might have to re-think Friday night, turnout was low but did not lose money. Golf Tournament was good, averaged approx. \$10,000.

Community Center: Bruce has had several meetings with Kaestle Boos and Downs. Still over budget and need to go back to the drawing board and come up with other alternatives, mainly regarding the materials they want to use. Bruce wants a center that will meet the needs of the community, main concern is gym space. The cost of project (Community Center) needs to be determined. Town Hall renovation is pushing up the cost. There is no Parks and Rec included in the design of the new Mortensen's Center. Bruce is concerned about the cost of the Town Hall renovation and what will happen to Parks and Rec if the town cannot afford a separate building. Bruce may have an updated figure by the Friday meeting. Don mentioned that he spoke with the Town Attorney, Peter Boorman regarding voting/input issues at the Building Committee meetings for the Parks and Rec representatives, Bill DeBlasio and Jen Win Johnson. The Town Attorney said the Parks and Rec reps can vote on anything regarding the Community Center. He will be at the next Building Committee meeting to explain that to the Chair and the Town Council. A title search is being done on Mill Pond property to find if the Community Center can be built there.

Don and Bruce have met with the sports groups regarding the rules of the Synthetic Field. Some of the locks have been changed and will keep track of who gets keys. Sensors and motion detectors have been put on lights, fans and lights are on timers in the bathrooms.

Eileen asked about any rental income from the Synthetic Field. It was rented a couple of times in the spring. Not actively trying to rent the field because it is used to often by the town sports groups.

Newington Schools are up to code for playscapes Parks and Rec department installed all paid for by the Board of Education.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Don Woods to adjourn. Richard Khentigan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm with an 8-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay