

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010  
MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jeff Hedberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board: Jonathan Boni, Bill DeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Jeff Hedberg, Ken Leggo, Ed Marchion, Robert Tofeldt, Mary Udice, Kathy Zolad  
Board Members Absent: John Kennedy, Don Woods  
Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till and Karen Gallicchio, Recreation Supervisor  
Town Council Liaison: Dave Nagel

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**MOTION: Kathy Zolad made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009 with one change to revise the spelling of her last name. Ken Leggo seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009 was unanimously approved with a 9-0 vote.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Neal Forte was in attendance. Jeff Hedberg presented Neal Forte with a plaque thanking him for his time and commitment to the Parks & Recreation Board of Directors. Neal thanked the Board and welcomed the new members and agreed to continue his help with the Summer Carnival during the Newington Extravaganza.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

**A. FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The December monthly report was included in packets emailed to all Board Members. There was no public correspondence this month. Jeff Hedberg asked Bruce Till for an update on the gymnasium ceiling in the Community Center. Bruce informed the Board that the light bulbs have been replaced. The roof/ceiling, gym floor and bleachers will not be addressed until the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Town Hall Capital Improvement Plan. Bill DeBlasio commented that when the roof is repaired, the mold and mildew problem needs to be addressed also. Bob Tofeldt asked if there have been any injuries in the gym regarding the roof leaking. Bruce said there have not been any injuries reported. There also have not been any program cancellations. The Parks & Recreation staff checks the floor as needed before programs begin after rainstorms.

Eileen Francolino inquired about the ventilation in the boy's locker room in the Community Center. Bruce Till will ask the building department to look into a wall air freshener.

Eileen Francolino also inquired about Ice Skating on Mill Pond Park. Bruce said there were eight good days of ice skating, and the pond has been very well utilized. There has been some inquiry about opening Churchill Park Pond. As of right now, we will continue to only clear Mill Pond Park.

B. BUDGET

Bruce Till has a budget meeting this Friday. The Town Manager, John Salomone has asked that we come in with a flat budget. Bruce Till will also be attending the CIP Budget Meeting the end of the month. The two priorities of the department are the recreation software system and the synthetic Turf Field. There was some discussion whether the funds allocated for the synthetic field would be available for this years' CIP Budget or held until next year. Bruce will report back after his budget meetings. Karen Gallicchio will be meeting with Lou Jachomowicz regarding the needs of the department at the schools for the upcoming budget year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

EXTRAVAGANZA

The first committee meeting took place earlier today. The committee is planning Movie Night for Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The carnival would be moved to Thursday through Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a bowling night this year. The adult concert would be held on Friday night with a rain date of Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. The Extravaganza will be on Saturday, July 17. Ed Marchion is looking into securing the band. The food contracts are being updated. Kathy Zolad asked if background checks were done on the Carnival workers. Bruce will look into this for next month. The next Extravaganza Committee Meeting is on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 2 in Town Hall.

PARKS & RECREATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Parks & Recreation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hill Country Club. Bob Gai will be the Tournament Chairperson again this year.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Kathy Zolad made a motion to adjourn, Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:11 PM with a 9-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jodi Lee  
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Special Events Coordinator