

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board: Bill DeBlasio (7:58 pm), Eileen Francolino, Ken Leggo, Bob Tofeldt, Mary Udice and Don Woods

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Boni, Jeff Hedberg, John Kennedy, Ed Marchion and Kathy Zolad

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Council Liaison: None Present

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

**MOTION: Don Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010 was unanimously approved with a 6-0 vote.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The September monthly report was included in the packet e-mailed to all board members. Bob Tofeldt handed out correspondence from a Third/Fourth Grade Soccer Group regarding soccer issues such as fields not being cut regularly, referees not appearing at games, complaints on the same color team shirts and the possibility of not playing games and just holding practices to learn techniques.

Eileen Francolino suggested this be addressed to the Soccer Club of Newington. Bruce Till has not received any calls on soccer issues at this time but he will bring these concerns up to the soccer coordinator.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**EXTRAVAGANZA**

Bruce Till reported that a contract was signed with the Carnival representative. The rate was negotiated to 27% of all ticket and food sales. Since it will be the 30th anniversary, Parks & Recreation is in the process of reviewing traditions of past Extravaganzas.

**TURF FIELD**

Bruce Till had a proposed design of the Clem Lemire Recreation Complex for the board to view. He also reviewed the Milone & MacBroom's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs with special attention to items #1-7. The items #1-7 add up to \$1,137,000 with \$68,500 budgeted for engineering and an added 10% contingency of \$113,700. This would total \$1,319,200.00.

**MOTION: Bill DiBlasio made a motion to approve the \$1,319,200.00 for items #1-7. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to approve the \$1,319,200.00 for items #1-7 were approved 6-0.**

Eileen Francolino and Ken Leggo both asked what sports the turf field would accommodate. Bruce Till answered that it would be football and the second sport would either be lacrosse or soccer. Bruce Till reported that they have not met with the turf companies yet. Ken Leggo advised to research this. The committee would like a full design for everything. Bruce Till added that there will not be any additional parking. Eileen Francolino asked if the skate park will be untouched. Bruce confirmed that the skate park would remain the same.

## SPORTS YOUTH COUNCIL

A meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2010.

### YOUTH TRAVEL BASKETBALL

A panel that included Ken Leggo and Kathy Zolad was established and had interviewed prospective travel basketball coaches. After the interviews were conducted, the coaches were selected. All coaches were advised that a Disciplinary Panel will be set up to review conduct issues or complaints. Ken Leggo and Kathy Zolad have committed to be on the panel. Eileen Francolino, Bob Tofeldt and Don Woods offered to be on the panel.

**MOTION: Ken Leggo made a motion to approve a 5 member Disciplinary Panel for Youth Travel Basketball. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve a Disciplinary Panel for Youth Travel Basketball was approved 6-0.**

### MILL POND PARK GRANT

Bruce Till is setting up a meeting with MR Roming Associates to go over the areas of attention: the bridge closest to Tennis courts, the stairway near the falls, repaving the walkway around the pond, and the 5-12 section of the plays cape. Of all these areas, Bruce Till believes the 5-12 section of the plays cape needs to be addressed first because it is so heavily used. The age (10 years), drainage and the material compaction may have contributed to the poor condition of the poured in place of the plays cape.

Mary Udice asked about the cost estimates to replace the poured in place for this section. Bruce Till reported that the cost estimates are anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000 and would be covered with the grant Bruce Till may look into other materials to replace the poured in place. Mary Udice would like to be involved in this.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### CAPITAL BUDGET-MILL POND/CHURCHILL PARK

Bruce Till is reviewing the Capital Budget. The renovation of Churchill Park will be considered. Bruce Till is concerned about the condition of the Churchill Park pool. The master plan would close this pool as well as its wading pool. A recreational pool may be built which would be smaller with water features or a spray park may be considered.

Accommodating the swim lessons is a priority and could not be done with only one pool. Eileen Francolino stated that NHS pool is closed during the summer. The summer camps heavily rely on the use the two pools. Mary Udice had wanted a recreational pool at Mill Pond that was handicapped accessible so people could use the playground and pool. Bob Tofeldt asked how deep would a recreational pool be and would swim lessons be taught in this type of pool. Bruce Till said that it would be up to 6 feet deep and swim lessons could still be taught. Don Woods said if the Churchill Pool is in worse condition than the Mill Pond Pool then it should be considered first. The rest of the board agreed that attention should be focused on Churchill Park rather than Mill Pond Park.

### SCHOOL USE

Bruce Till met with the Board of Education and it was agreed upon that the schools would remain open to accommodate some needs of the Parks and Recreation programs.

Bob Tofeldt added that Blue Fox Run may have bleachers that could be relinquished to Newington Parks and Recreation. Bruce Till will look into this.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Eileen Francolino made a motion to adjourn, Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:42 PM with a 6-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loralyn Callahan