

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Jonathan Boni (7:34pm), Bill DeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Ken Leggo (7:50pm), Ed Marchion, Bob Tofeldt, Mary Udice, Don Woods and Kathy Zolad
Board Members Absent: Jeff Hedberg and John Kennedy
Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till
Town Council Liaison: None Present

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2010

MOTION: Don Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2010 was unanimously approved with a 7-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS
FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The October monthly report was included in the packet e-mailed to all board members. Bruce Till passed out a Nomination Form (Naming of Town Owned Property and Features) to all board members so that they are familiar with the form. The completed form would go to the Town Council and a subcommittee would meet to ensure that the proper criteria was met for it to go further. The recent death of Shayne Wrobel, a 14 year who was killed on his skateboard, has prompted some discussion that the skatepark be named in his memory. Mary Udice stated that she has seen a Facebook page on Renaming the Skatepark after Shayne Wrobel which had over 4,000 people. Mary Udice has taken the opportunity to talk to some Town Council members and feels strongly that something should be done whether it goes through the proper channels of renaming the skatepark or a memorial fund for a bench or tree dedicated to his memory.

In the past tagging of the skateboard park was quickly removed but the recent memorial tagging will not be removed at this time due to the sensitivity of the situation. Bill DeBlasio suggested that a light be installed at the skatepark since he has seen it being used after dark.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Bruce Till is currently negotiating with the Fireworks representatives. Eileen Francolino asked about the Extravaganza advertised on Facebook. Bruce Till stated that there are other town's Parks & Recreation departments on Facebook. This would probably go to I.T. He wanted board members to think about who would be interested in serving on the subcommittee for the Extravaganza in 2011.

TURF FIELD

The Inland/Wetlands Application will be presented tonight to the Building/Engineering Department. The Building Committee will meet on November 18. More will be known later in the month to move this project forward.

SPORTS YOUTH COUNCIL

This will proceed once the dates of the meeting are set between Kathy Zolad and Bruce Till.

MILL POND PARK GRANT

The architect has been selected. Bruce Till has stated that they will proceed with the corings of the 5-12 portion of the playscape which is heavily used and will be attended to first. The borings on the Mill Pond's bridge and the stairway will most likely be worked on next. A structural engineer has looked at these sites. The bridge over the waterfall will have to be repaired. Eileen Francolino asked if the dock was safe and Bruce Till answered that it was safe.

CAPITAL BUDGET-MILL POND PARK/CHURCHILL PARK

The CIP will have a meeting at the end of the month and Bruce Till will have more information at that time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Till announced that the part-time position of Program Coordinator was filled by Stephanie Goulet. She will begin this Friday, November 19. The Winter Brochure is now out. Eileen Francolino inquired about gym time. Since the basketball program is not in full gear yet, it hasn't been an issue.

Don Woods asked about who would be paying for Sonitrol. Bruce Till has met with Sonitrol and it will cost about \$5,000 for a high-tech camera. The purpose is to catch vandals.

Don Woods also asked if the mapping of was of the whole cemetery. Bruce Till confirmed that it was. This should back up the deeds. The electronic mapping should be completed next month.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Don Woods made a motion to adjourn, Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:00pm with a 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loralyn Callahan