

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ken Leggo, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Bob Tofeldt, Jonathan Boni, Bill DeBlasio,  
Ken Leggo

Board Members Absent: Don Woods, Neal Forte, John Kennedy, Jeff Perillo,  
Jeff Hedberg

Staff: Bruce Till and Karen Gallicchio

Town Council Liaison: Jay Bottalico and Tom Bowen

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

**Motion: Bob Tofeldt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2009;**  
Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the  
minutes of December 10, 2008 was unanimously approved with a 6-0 vote.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- UAAA Softball representative John Brendt and his staff address the Board in regards to running the Men's and Women's Softball Leagues. Mr. Brendt informed the Board that UAAA Softball would alleviate many of the hours the department would have to put into the league. UAAA would take care of umpires, scheduling and lights for both the Men's and Women's Softball Leagues.
- Pam Madrazzo (23 Pfister Drive) expressed her great disappointment in the Board's cancellation of the annual golf tournament. Mrs. Madrazzo informed the Board that the Golf Tournament has become a Newington Tradition that also raises around \$7000 for the department annually. Pam Madrazzo also expressed hurt on behalf of her father, past Board of Directors Chairman, Bob Gai, who was not notified of the Golf Tournament's cancellation. Mrs. Madrazzo reminded the Board that her father has put a lot of work into the tournament and deserved to be notified. She also reminded the Board that the Board of Directors is there to serve the department not personal agendas. Bruce Till apologized to Pam Madrazzo and her family for failing to notify her father of the tournaments cancellation. Bob Tofeldt reassured Mrs. Madrazzo that the Board's decision was not a political one but rather an economical one.

## V. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

### From the Superintendent:

#### Extravaganza-

- Bruce Till informed the Board that in preparation for the 2009 Extravaganza the staff was currently compiling permits and contracts. The staff has also submitted ads to the papers in regards to food and beverage vendors.
- After making some calls and doing some research, Bruce Till informed to the Board that he would propose selling soda on our own for the Extravaganza to the sub-committee.

#### Budget-

- Bruce informed the Board that Parks and Grounds would be hiring three seasonal workers who would be working on cul de sacs and roadside mulch.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### Golf Tournament-

- Karen Gallicchio presented the Board with Golf Tournament Finances of the previous years. The finances showed that there were seven groups that sponsored both the Golf Tournament and the Extravaganza. The Golf Tournament also had 58 golfers in 2008 at \$125 per golfer.
- The Board discussed the Golf Tournament in terms of whether the importance of the tradition of the tournament outweighed the time the staff would have to put into the tournament.

**Motion: Mary Udice made a motion to reinstate the 2009 Golf Tournament;** Jon Boni seconded the motion. The motion to cancel the 2009 Golf Tournament was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote with 1 abstained vote.

**Motion: Eileen Francolino made a motion to write a letter to Bob Gai apologizing for the lack of communication;** Jon Boni seconded the motion. The motion to write a letter to Bob Gai apologizing for the lack of communication was unanimously approved with a 6-0 vote.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

#### 2009 Extravaganza-

- Bruce and Karen informed the Board that the pricing for the food vendors will be \$250 per space in addition to 20% of all profits.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: Eileen Francolino made a motion to adjourn;** Jon Boni seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:00 PM with a 6-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Lach  
Parks & Recreation Board Secretary

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