

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010  
MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jeff Hedberg called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board: Jonathan Boni, Bill DeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Jeff Hedberg, Ken Leggo, Ed Marchion, Robert Tofeldt, Mary Udice, and Don Woods, and Kathy Zolad  
Board Members Absent: John Kennedy  
Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till and Jodi Lee, Special Events Coordinator  
Town Council Liaison: None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2010**

**MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2010. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2010 was unanimously approved with a 10-0 vote.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The April monthly report was included in packets emailed to all Board Members. Some projects were highlighted. There have been some Eagle Scout Projects going on in town. One has been near the Senior Housing Area near the trail. This Scout has done a wonderful job and has improved the area with shrubs and a monument. Another Scout project is the construction of a fire ring at Mill Pond Park. As well as another group power washing and painting the picket fence on Main Street.

Jeff Hedberg asked about a vendor who was calling him about a permit. Bruce Till updated the group that two vendors have been given permission/permits to sell food items in the town parks. One is the ice cream truck vendor Nick and the other is Terrence Valley who owns a hot dog cart. Mr. Santire has also been inquiring about vending machine business. Bruce Till told Mr. Santire vending machines are under contract and we are not changing vendors at this time.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**PARKS & RECREATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Parks & Recreation Golf Tournament was on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hill Country Club. The event was a success. Budget figures will be available soon. Thanks to all the players and sponsors who made this a success.

## EXTRAVAGANZA

The Extravaganza had a committee meeting before the Board Meeting. All details were discussed at that meeting. A schedule/sign-up sheet was distributed for each Board Member to work shifts for the carnival and Friday Night Concert.

## TURF FIELD

This was originally a 5 person committee, then a 7 person committee, and is now a 9 person committee. The liaisons from the town will be Bruce Till and Jeff Baron. The first meeting is in the process of being organized.

## SPORTS YOUTH COUNCIL

Bruce Till provided the group a draft of bi-laws for the Sports Youth Council. Bruce asked Kathy Zolad if she had any bi-laws from years past on this council. Jeff Hedberg asked the purpose of this group. Bruce emphasized this group is a sub-committee of the Parks & Recreation Board and will help with policy and issues with all sports groups in town including travel programs, field time, etc. Eileen Francolino asked that Special Olympics be added to this group since they use fields in town.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

Bill DeBlasio inquired about field dust that was put on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line at Badger Field. This was the wrong product put on the field. Bruce Till will inquire about this, but did not think it was the Parks Department. Bill also asked if a few wheelbarrows full of dirt could be brought to the field so coaches/volunteers could fill in holes as needed on the baseball field.

Don Woods attended a ceremony in the Chapel at the cemetery. He noticed some dead plants and issues with the lawn. Bruce Till was going to look into the warranty from the contractor with Jeff Baron regarding the plants and trees. Don Woods mentioned there will be a dedication ceremony at the end of June. The fees have to be approved by the Town Council. Grave sites should be for sale in the new section starting July 1, 2010.

Bill DeBlasio inquired about heating/air conditioning or lack of at the Senior Center during Zumba classes and all the handles on the windows have been removed. Bruce Till will inquire.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Bob Tofeldt made a motion to adjourn, Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:05 PM with a 10-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jodi Lee  
Parks & Recreation  
Special Events Coordinator