

**Newington Parks & Recreation
Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 16th 2009
Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 7:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Bob Tofeldt, Neal Forte, Don Woods, Mary Udice, Eileen Francolino, Jeff Hedberg, Jon Boni, Bill Deblasio, Ken Leggo

Board Members Absent:

John Kennedy (resigned), Jeff Perillo

Staff:

Bruce Till

Town Council Liaison:

Jay Bottalico

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009

Motion: Neil Forte made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19th 2009; Eileen Francolino seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the minutes of May 19th 2009 was approved with an all in favor vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE AT THIS CURRENT TIME

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

From the Superintendent:

RFP-

- The RFP went out, but we are waiting for study reviews before we take any further steps. We can use up to \$15,000 of the grant. There are 4 people on the sub-committee and interviews will be set up soon.

Ken made a motion to make a sub committee consisting of Don, Neil, Ken, Jeff H, and Jeff P for interviewing. Jon Boni seconds that motion and all were in favor passing the motion for the sub committee.

Extravaganza-

- The committee met before the board meeting and everything is in good shape and coming along nicely. Jeff will be getting the tickets printed and handed out so that people can sell them before the concert.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Beechwood Park-

- All the purchase orders have been done for the selected equipment. Everything is in process but will not be in before July 1st.

Young Farm Water-

- The well has been dug and we are currently waiting for CL&P. Everything should be up and running within the next couple of weeks. We are still unsure if the water is drinkable or not.

Mill-Pond Sensory Garden

- The size of this area is not manageable for the parks department, but we would like to zone in on it. Redesign and replanting is necessary. At this time, Judy Whalen has offered to get someone to help out with the garden to fix its condition.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

Sod-

- We have decided not to sod the whole field, but we will be doing some of it. The area will be completed with our goal within a month and ½ before so that the sod can settle properly.

Contracts/Vendors-

- Contracts for vendors have not been able to be located and this is a huge concern. We need to draw up a new contract so that the vendors we have can't parade around town as they wish. One goal is to start charging.
- All vendors need permits to go down streets, parks, etc.
- The vendors we have such as our ice cream truck should not be competing with our parks and revenue should be collected for them going to our parks.
- All are in favor to draw up and contract for all vendors with a penalty for those who break contract.

Questions/notifications-

- Don briefly discussed the cemetery expansion and notified the board that there was going to be some relocating and other things are in process. Everything is coming along well.

- There should be a follow up letter to the Gold Tournament donators/participants informing them of where their proceeds are going. The proceeds are going to Camp Sunrise which is a camp for children with special needs. The letter should thank them for their donations and we should have a poster stating where the proceeds are going in the future.

Eileen Fancolino made a motion to use the money from the Gold Tournament to help fund the camp sunrise program for this year. Mary Udice seconds that motion and all were in favor. The motion to use the money from the Gold Tournament passes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Bob Tofeldt made a motion to adjourn; Ken Leggo seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Nardi
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary

Date