

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, July 8, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board: Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Ed Marchion, Jen Win-Johnson, Ken Leggo, Bill DeBlasio, Don Woods, Richard Khentigan

Board Members Absent: Robert Fresen, Kathy Zolad

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 10, 2014**

**Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting. Ken Leggo seconded the motion. The motion passed with an 8-0 vote.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

Thank you note from Monica Sadil and Taylor Kelly to Bruce Till for all of his help towards their Girl Scout Silver Award Project.

Thank you note from Bernie Rooney to Bruce Till for mulching the circle on Winding Brook Lane.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**Extravaganza:**

Bruce passed around handouts with the Extravaganza schedule of events and also the Board Member work schedule, still looking to fill some open time slots for Saturday. Bruce had a meeting with the staff, went through the program and progress for the extravaganza is in good shape. Don asked how the sign up is for vendors and crafters. As of July 8<sup>th</sup> there are 17 signed up for Corporate Row, down approx. 50% from last year. Arts and Crafters 25 signed up, down approx. 50% from last year. Civic Groups 24 have signed up which is close to last year. The staff has mailed registration forms and followed up with those groups. A lot of groups have signed up within the last week and more will most likely sign up in the next coming week as the extravaganza gets closer. Sponsorship is down from last year.

Eileen mentioned having a booth at the Extravaganza to talk about the new community center with the public. Bruce will have a booth set up in the pavilion for the Board Members to discuss with the public about the new community center, hand out informational brochures on the total project (Town Hall and Community Center), and show pictures and video of the project made by the Architect.

**Community Center:** The Town Manager will be meeting with all Civic Organizations in town showing the fly over video and answering questions about the New Town Hall and Community Center Projects at those meetings. He will also hold an Electric Town Meeting online, the public will be able to ask any question about the project and he will answer it. The Architects, Bruce and the Finance Director will also accompany the Town Manager for this Electric Town Meeting. The New Community Center (building, parking and tennis courts) will be using less than 7% of green space from Mill Pond Park. Don is still waiting to hear feedback from the soccer group what their needs and concerns are for the community center, Don has followed up but has to yet to hear back from them.

**Mill Pond Pavilion:** The punch list of items has been completed. The building inspector has gone through everything. Bruce is getting power and lighting to the structure before the Extravaganza. Painting it white and a re-dedication is planned for September. Bruce is planning to landscape around the Pavilion soon. He would like to save the old the gazebo and put it in a neighborhood park.

**Mill Pond Security Camera:** Bruce is still working on getting the camera set up in the park.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Concert Series:** The Fire Marshall has shut down the use of the auditorium in case of thunderstorms because of the stage, which is why the first concert was postponed until August. Will be able to set up the band in the area below the stage but that leaves less room and it gets very hot in the gym.

**Mill Pond Dock:** The dock has been replaced, the Parks and Recreation staff built it and it is in place for use.

## **VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Richard Khentigan to adjourn. Jen Win-Johnson seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm with an 8-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Jay