

NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, March 19, 2019

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Adam C. Jorgensen
Town Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Eileen Francolino called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Don Woods, Eileen Francolino, Bill DeBlasio, Mary Beth Kelliher, Beth Manke- Hutvagner, Jen Win-Johnson, James Cultrera

Board Members Absent: Sue Reniewicz, Michael Lenares, Ed Marchion

Staff Present: Superintendent William DeMaio

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF January 15, 2019

MOTION: Beth Manke-Hutvagner made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tricia Csefai
24 Harris Drive

Tricia asked the board if they would be willing to waive the fee for the pavilion for the PAC 347 event they are having in Churchill Park for families and Scouts. The event will be a picnic and a park clean up which will benefit the community. The event will be held July 14th from 12pm – 6pm. The fee for the rotary pavilion is \$125.

MOTION: Bill DeBlasio made a motion to add the PAC event Pavilion waiver to new business on the agenda. James Cultrera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

The department wrote Pam Lavery a thank you letter for donating money to the Parks and Recreation department to assist families in need with paying for summer camp,

VI. SUMMARY REPORTS

NONE

VII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Stew Leonard's Gift

- a. Stew Leonard's generously donated \$4,514.87 towards American Red Cross Swim Lessons taught in Newington. The donation will help to reduce swim lesson costs to the children who participate as well as to train some lifeguards in WSI. Instead of paying \$40 for lessons they will be reduced to \$10.

b. West Meadow Cemetery Clean Up

- a. The cemetery clean up took place and it was publicized so all public will be aware and have time to come get their belonging.

c. Motorcycle Madness Letters of Agreement

- a. There are letters of agreement for Motorcycle Madness donations from various sponsors including: Trantolo & Trantolo as a gold sponsor (donated \$5,000); Geico Local office as a silver sponsor (donated \$3,000); West Hill Automotive as a bronze sponsor (donated \$2,500), Brookfield Indian Motorcycle as a stage sponsor (donated \$1,500); and The Catherine and Joseph Palermino Celebration Fund as the fireworks sponsor (donated \$3,000). TJ's on Cedar, Puerto Vallarta, and Cyclefish.com are also sponsors.

MOTION: Jen Win Johnson made a motion to accept the Letters of Agreement for Motorcycle Madness with Trantolo & Trantolo Law Firm, Brookfield Indian Motorcycle, Geico Local Office, and West Hill Automotive Truck and Trailer Services, Inc. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Chipotle Fundraiser- May 28, 2019

- a. The Chipotle fundraiser for the Extravaganza will take place 4pm-8pm on May 28th. The fundraiser raised about \$800 last year.

e. PAC 347 Park Clean up

MOTION: Mary Beth Kelliher made a motion to waive the fee for the pavilion on July 14th for the PAC 347 to clean up the park. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. REPORTS

a. Town Hall Community Center Update

- a. The project was approved and it is going to move forward. There is going to be a ground breaking ceremony on April 1st at the community center at 4pm.

b. Budget Update- March 19, 2019 at 7pm

- a. The enterprise budget, the recreation budget, and all the special funds budgets have been discussed. The rest are going to be discussed at the meeting scheduled for after the Parks and Recreation meeting on March 19, 2019 at 7pm.

c. Water Lantern Festival Update

- a. The Water Lantern Festival has sold over 1950 lanterns so far. There will be concession and food trucks at the event. The event is a public event for anyone who wants to come watch or participate in the event. Parks and Recreation will be selling beer, wine, and the concession stand will be open. Superintendent DeMaio will be having a meeting on Thursday with the staff from the event.

d. Motorcycle Madness Update

- a. There are sponsors in place for the event and they have been approved by the board.

e. Touch a Truck Update

- a. The event will be held Saturday June 15th from 10 am- 12 pm. There are more booths that want to participate than last year. The ping pong fundraiser for the all night graduation ceremony will be held at 12 pm following the event.
- f. **Brochure**
 - a. The brochure went out for summer camp in the Life magazine. The Rare Reminder also promoted summer camp. The brochure was also handed out to all school children. There have been some paid Facebook ads that have promoted signing up for summer camp as well.
- g. **Extravaganza Update**
 - a. Superintendent DeMaio reports that the Extravagnza planning is going well. Everyone who was a sponsor last year is willing to participate again and many have upped their commitment to the event as well. Wednesday during Extravaganza week the carnival will be open for use by local Parks and Recreation Departments as a field trip to their campers. So far New Britain, Wethersfield, Glastonbury, Gilford, and Berlin have committed to bringing their campers for the day. The kids will all get popcorn for free. The wristband that the kids get will be good for the evening as well so they can come back with their families. Rosenberg Orthodontics sponsored the event for Newington kids and donated money to purchase their wristbands for the day.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION


NONE

The board would like to thank Creative Playtime Preschool children and staff for the wonderful goodies they provided to the board for the meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

James Cultrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley Fontana