

NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, June 11, 2019

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Town Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Don Woods, Eileen Francolino, Bill DeBlasio, Jen Win-Johnson, James Cultrera, Ed Marchion, Alan Nafis

Board Members Absent: Sue Reniewicz, Michael Lenares, Mary Beth Kelliher, Beth Manke-Hutvagner

Staff Present: Superintendent William DeMaio

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 11, 2019

MOTION: Eileen Francolino made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you From Data-Mail

Data-Mail wrote the department a thank you letter for being recognized with a Kindness Counts Award.

VI. SUMMARY REPORTS

Reports presented – No discussion

VII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

MOTION: Bill Deblasio made a motion to add 3 new items to the agenda. Jen Win-Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Extravaganza Details

Superintendent DeMaio reported that there are currently 16 booths for the corporate row of vendors, 18 non-profit booths, and 20 arts and crafts booths. This is on track to get as many booths in as years past. There are usually an average of about 80-100 booths, There are about 16 different food vendors with 27 different foods to be present at the Extravaganza as well.

b. National Night Out- August 6th

Superintendent DeMaio reports that National Night Out Details are still in the works and there will be more information to come later.

MOTION: Jen Win-Johnson made a motion to table the decision on National Night Out and to let Superintendent DeMaio continue negotiations with the police department, which will be discussed at the July meeting. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. REPORTS

a. Town Hall Community Center Update

There will be another meeting about the Town Hall and Community Center next week, Things are moving along and construction has begun. There has been a lawsuit against the town filed to stop the progress made.

b. Water Lantern Festival

The Water Lantern Festival was a huge success for the department. \$12,431.00 was the net profit for the department and the town residents enjoyed the event overall.

c. Motorcycle Madness

About 709 paid bikes came to Motorcycle Madness and another 100 parked in the area. Each bike was charged \$2 more than last year so more revenue was made. Also, about \$2,000-\$3,000 more was made from the beer garden.

d. Extravaganza Volunteer Sign Up

The commission signed up for volunteer times at the Extravaganza.

e. Memorial Day Parade

Jim, Beth, and Eileen marched in the parade with the department. About 400 free ice cream cone coupons for the concession stand were passed out during the parade. A special thank you to Soccer Club of Newington for being our marching band. Also, thanks to our parks staff for the marvelous float.

f. Touch a truck

Touch a truck will be on Saturday, June 15th from 10am – 12pm. The ping pong ball drop for the all night graduation party fundraiser will take place at 12pm.

g. Pools Open- June 22nd

The pools will open on June 22nd. Superintendent DeMaio extends his thank you to Ed Marchion and Pioneer Builders for helping fix the pool house that was collapsing at Churchill so it was ready to open for the season. There are 17 instructors who are Red Cross WSI certified. Swimming lessons are getting a boost this year to make sure that all participants receive appropriate swim lessons including all of our summer campers.

h. Camp Starts- June 24th

There are about 110 more children signed up for camp than last year. There are many exciting trips planned in addition, Jugglers, Magicians, DJ, sports coaches animal trainers, and environmentalists will visit and teach the children new skills. Counselors are

CPR and first aid certified. Here are also over 20 preschoolers enrolled in the pre-school program.

Plans has been make for our summer campers to be dropped off in the park by the tennis courts rather than at the town hall while renovations take place for their safety. The staff will greet each group of children at the park and get organized and then walk over to the Town Hall. Superintendent DeMaio asked the board if they would approve with putting up a 30x30 tent in case of inclement weather to be used in the park this summer for camp, concerts and the Extravaganza. We will be renting the tent from The Shriners.

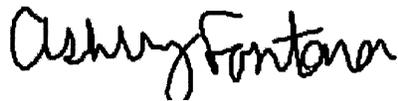
MOTION: Jen Win-Johnson made a motion to approve the instllation of a 30x30 tent at Mill Pond Park. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NONE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Eileen Francolino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Win-Johnson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley Fontana