

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING November 14, 2012
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on November 14, 2012.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT was read by Chairman Don Meng.

Present Members: Don Meng, Hank Smith, Ludmilla Mecaj, Frank Sebastiano, Jim Schmitt, Michael Bell, Kerry Deckert, Suzie Givone

Absent: Kenny Teets

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the October 17, 2012 minutes. Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission spent some time on brainstorming for a Mission Statement.

The Commission did a SWOT Analysis which consisted of a conversation of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats within the Commission. The analysis was very positive and productive. The Commission will work together to fulfill the goals of the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Dinner/Vendors: The dinner will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at the Newton High School cafeteria. Frank Sebastiano will be doing a turkey dinner. All inviting is complete. Advertising has been sent out and the seniors have been calling to RSVP. We had a low response for vendors so the Commission decided not to pursue it for this year.

The Christmas Tree Lighting and House Decorating Contest are set for Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Suzie reached out to the art teacher at Merriam Avenue School and Halsted Middle School. She is waiting to hear back from them on whether they are interested in the event and when would be a good time to conduct the contest.

Calendar of events for 2013 was presented. The Commission reviewed the calendar and it will be sent to the schools in the area.

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OPEN FORMUM

Kerry brought to the Commission the idea of the NJAL disbanding. Discussion ensued on what role the Newton Recreation Commission would have. Some things that Rec Commission could take over would be discipline issues and the Electrical bill.

The Commission would like to look at NJAL Bylaws. The question was raised if the Town would want to take this on. The initial response from the Town was as long as the sports have their own insurance it shouldn't be a problem.

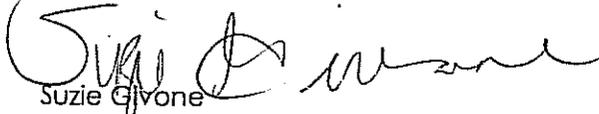
Mr. Smith stated having NJAL people come to one of our meetings and state pros and cons of the group.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on January 16, 2013 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzie Givone
Secretary Recreation Commission