

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING September 19, 2012
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on September 19, 2012.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT was read by Chairman Don Meng.

Present Members: Don Meng, Hank Smith, Ludmilla Mecaj, Frank Sebastiano, Michael Bell and Suzie Givone

Excused: Jim Schmitt, Kerry Deckert

Absent: Kenny Teets

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the June 20, 2012 minutes. Mr. Meng seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Miss Newton Contest – Ms. Mecaj would like to give an informative summary for Miss Newton 2012 for the members of the Recreation Commission. The Commission agreed to carry this to the October 17, 2012 at that time Ms. Deckert will be present.

Replacing light bulbs on the ball field at Memory Park was discussed.

The fence around Memory Park ball field is being replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Dinner. Will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at Newton High School cafeteria. Frank Sebastiano stated he will do the catering. He will prepare a turkey dinner. He is going to submit a proposal.

Commission discussed the possibility of having vendors present at the Senior Dinner. Suzie checked with Kathy Citterbart, the zoning officer and she said since it is a onetime event it would be allowed. Suzie also called Newton High school and spoke with the Principal, Jim Tasker and he stated it would be ok. The vendors would have to supply a certificate of insurance naming the Board of Education an Additional Insured. Mr. Meng suggested asking some of the Spring Street Shops if they would be interested and he mentioned asking some of the seniors if they would like to sell some of their items i.e. knitted blankets, etc.

Mr. Meng did mention that the some of the seniors might now have money that day. They do not get their social security checks until the second week of the month. We can check with the vendors if they will accept checks or credit cards.

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2013- Budget. The commission discussed the idea of transferring \$500 from Senior Programs to Special events. Mr. Meng stated we should hold off on this until we know what Frank

Sebastiano's pricing will be and Ludmilla is going to confirm with Dominic's about the spring luncheon for the seniors.

Mr. Meng brought up the Poster Contest. Suzie stated she will call the art teacher at Merriam Avenue School and Halsted Middle School and see if she can coordinate with them to get more students involved in the contest.

The Chamber of Commerce and Main Street will be hosting Christmas Caroling along Spring Street. Tentative date is Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

New Program Ideas:

The Commission discussed some new recreation programs for the Town. Friday night Basketball, Skate night at Summit Pond, and volleyball were a few new ideas.

It was suggested for the Friday night basketball to have two groups. One court will be for older kids and the second court can be split for 5 to 8 years old and the other half for 9 to 12 years old. Also the lights are on a timer which goes off at 10 PM. We will have to reserve the courts or display a sign that states the courts are being used for a Town event.

Skate night at Summit Pond. The Commission suggested setting up a table with hot chocolate.

ADJOURNMENT

Hank Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ludmilla Mecaj 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 October 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzie Givone
Secretary Recreation Commission