

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MAY 15, 2013
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on May 15, 2013.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

Absent: Mr. Teets

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the April 17, 2013 minutes. Ms. Mecaj seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Miss Newton Contest: Ludmilla, Kerry and Suzie met prior to the regular meeting to put the goody bags together. We have 8 Little Miss Newton applications and 2 Little Mr. Newton applications. Suzie put a press release in the New Jersey Herald for Miss Newton applications. Kerry will call Theresa Iloff to help get Miss Newton applicants. Ludmilla is continuing with her fundraising efforts. She is waiting to hear from Home Depot. She is going to contact Carpet Gallery, Dominick's Pizza and Staples. Kerry put together a timeline for the day of the event. We are in need of volunteers for the event. DPW is schedule to put up and deliver the stage. Service Electric is schedule to video tape the event. Ludmilla will deliver the packets to the judges. We received \$50.00 from Sussex Bank. We are going to give all contestants a \$15.00 gift card. The \$25.00 gift card from Weis will be used for refreshment and possible flowers for the judges.

Battle of the Bands – Mr. Sebastiano cancelled the event due to lack of participation of bands. Discussion ensued on how to advertise better and obtain sponsors. Kerry suggested Frank contact music type people/businesses to form a committee to help with event. Frank suggested trying to get sponsors to sponsor a band. Changing the event to a music festival or a jam session was discussed. The idea of contacting some other towns who have had a successful event was suggested. Frank will continue to work on it for next spring.

Review of current and future field use permits- Kerry reviewed field use applications with the Commission. Discussion ensued on the protocol of field use priority.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Schmitt will be handing in his resignation due to a conflict with his schedule.

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The Commission is in need of volunteers. The Commission discussed changing their regular meeting night from Wednesday to Thursday to accommodate a possible candidate for the Commission. The Commission is down to three people. Darren Howie will complete an application and the Town Council will review it. If accepted, the Commission will propose a change in the meeting date to the Council.

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. 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 June 19, 2013 at 5:30 PM at the pool.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzie Givone
Secretary Recreation Commission