

**TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2013  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on October 16, 2013 by Chairman Frank Sebastiano.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**Present Members:** Hank Smith, Ludmilla Mecaj, Frank Sebastiano

**Also Present:** Kerry Deckert, Suzie Givone, Dawn Hankinson and John Selitto

**Absent:** Mr. Teets

**Approval of Minutes**

**Ms. Mecaj made a motion to approve the September 18, 2013 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.** The minutes were approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Senior Dinner December 1, 2013:** Everything is set for the dinner. The cafeteria has been reserved, the student council has been contacted to provide poinsettias and the band has been contacted to provide music. The Madrigals will be on break so will not be able to perform. Table cloths will be placed on tables before noon. The senior shuttle has been informed. All the dignitaries have been notified. Frank will be catering the turkey dinner.

**Tree Lighting December 9, 2013:** Commission will buy hot chocolate and cookies. Santa is scheduled to arrive at 6:20 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget:** Kerry is budgeting additional \$250 for the talent show and additional \$250 for battle of bands. Hank Smith suggested a fence around the Babe Ruth Field, Kerry stated that would be a capital budget item.

**OPEN FORUM**

Kerry stated there is a Halloween event being planned in collaboration with the PTO, the Newton Fire Department and the local merchants on Spring Street.

Mr. Sebastiano suggested an Arts and Crafts program for the summer for the children. Kerry stated that even though it is a good idea, some of challenges are finding the staff, and getting background checks. Kerry suggested working with the YMCA on something. We would also need a facility that can protect from the inclement weather.

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Kerry gave an update on the pool.

There is a crack in the pool and is currently being repaired. The old crack that was repaired over the summer needs to be repaired again due to faulty workmanship. The filtration system needs to be upgraded. This will be a capital budget item.

John Selitto was in attendance to talk about the HS baseball program. He stated Brock & Kenny are doing an excellent job on the fields. He would like more field time for games and practices. He is concerned with the college using the fields. It was suggested that a meeting in January be scheduled with the college, Kurt Weaver and John Selitto to go over schedules to reduce the number of conflicts. Suzie will send an email out to invite the baseball parties to the January Rec Meeting to discuss scheduling. We will hold off on approving field use permits for baseball until after this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Mecaj made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 20, 2013 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,



Suzie Givone

Secretary Recreation Commission