

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2013
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on November 21, 2013 by Chairman Frank Sebastiano.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Present Members: Hank Smith, Ludmilla Mecaj, Frank Sebastiano, Mike Teets, Dawn Hankinson, Rufus Coward

Also Present: Kerry Deckert, Recreation Supervisor

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Mecaj made a motion to approve the October 16, 2013 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Dinner December 1, 2013 12 noon: Everything is set for the dinner.

Tree Lighting December 9, 2013 6PM: Everything is set. Ludmilla Mecaj will check with New Jersey Herald or Alternative Press to get them to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued on the Background Check Ordinance for all volunteers to be introduced at the Town Council November 25, meeting.

OPEN FORUM

The Baseball meeting to coordinate field use schedules should include Newton Little League, the HS, and the College.

Frank Sebastiano suggested an Arts & Crafts program during the summer.

Hank Smith suggested a senior program at Memory Park with checkers, chess, etc. Kerry said she would get the supplies and it would be up to Hank to would spread the word.

Dawn Hankinson suggested a Car Club/Cruise Family Night.

It was discussed on how to promote ideas for Newton Recreation. Using Facebook, digital board, flyers in businesses in town, email, reverse call were a few.

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It was brought up that there seems to be some poor sportsmanship relating to coaching and training.

Ludmilla asked the about status of the Martial Arts Program. Kerry stated she is still waiting for gym time.

Ludmilla asked about the status of a community center. She suggested one near Union Place. Parking would be a concern on Union Place. The old McGuire Car Dealership was another suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mecaj 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 January 16 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzie Givone
Secretary Recreation Commission