

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 19, 2014
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on February 19, 2014 by Chairman Frank Sebastiano.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

Also Present: Kerry Deckert, Recreation Supervisor, and Suzie Givone, Recreation Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Teets made a motion to approve the February 19, 2014 minutes. Ms. Hankinson seconded the motion. Ludmilla Mecaj denied the minutes as presented.

The Code of Conduct was reviewed and accepted by all the Recreation Commission members.

OLD BUSINESS

Frank S. reported on the Battle of the Bands. It was decided it will be held at the pool. The date will be either Saturday, July 12, 2014 or Saturday, August 16, 2014. Frank will reach out to the band No Vertebrae to see if they are available to play. If they are not available, Frank will have karaoke. Kerry is going to contact Karaoke Kat. A stage is needed.

Miss Newton: No report was presented.

Halloween Events: Discussion ensued. Different ideas were suggested on how to make it a Town-wide event similar to Branchville.

Newton Day, June 14, 2014: 12 volunteers are needed to help at Memory Park from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Ms. Hankinson is going to reach out to the cheerleaders to see if they would be interested in selling cotton candy.

Summer Activities in the park: It was discussed to have it at Summit Park. Kerry is going to ask Brock if there is somewhere to store the supplies. The Senior Shuttle can add the park as a stop on their bus route.

NEW BUSINESS

The pool survey is online. The commission was asked to pass the word along to complete the survey. We are trying to recruit more memberships.

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The Spring Senior Dinner is Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 12 Noon. The seniors will be treated to the Broadway production The Drowsy Chaperone. Ludmilla will follow up with Dominick's for catering.

Easter Egg Hunt will be April 12, 2014 at Memory Park. Start time will be 10:30AM. Rain date will be April 19, 2014 10:30AM.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Teets brought up two items. His first item was the issue of taking down the bleachers. He felt it was not a good idea to pull them out without a replacement when you have other towns coming in with no place to sit.

Kerry explained to Mike that it is due to them not passing a safety inspection. They are not up to code.

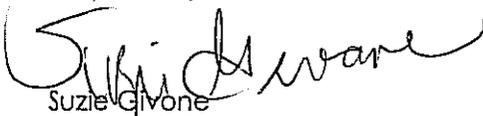
His other idea was to get more recycling can for the Memory Park. He said SCMUA might be able to give to us for free. Kerry will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hankinson 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 April 16, at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzie Givone
Secretary Recreation Commission