

**TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 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, Frank Sebastiano, Rufus Coward, Dawn Hankinson

**Absent:** Ludmilla Mecaj, Mike Teets

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. Coward made a motion to approve the March 19, 2014 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.**

**Chair Reports**

Teen night with music: Frank S. reported: The band No Vertebrae will play on Saturday, July 12 2014 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM for ages 14 and up. Food and drinks will be provided. We will email Jim McKeown and contact Mike at All Access Staging. Need to work on advertising.

Miss Newton: Applications were delivered to Newton, High School, Merriam Avenue School, St. Joseph's School and Camp Iliff.

Halloween Events: It was approved to close Spring Street. Kerry is meeting with Newton Pride on April 24, 2014.

Newton Day: The Town of Newton will be sponsoring Paint the Town Red, White and Blue in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation. Patriotic bunting will be available for purchase at the Springboard Shoppes and the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce. Who is selling cotton candy is undecided. Dawn will get back to commission.

Summer Activities in the park: Hank is going to start for the month of July on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 12:00. We will purchase Chess, Checkers and playing cards. We will get a Rubbermaid container that Hank can bring with him. Snacks will be provided once a month.

Fall Senior Dinner catering: Discussion ensued on a quote that the Newton High School cafeteria provided us. They will charge \$7.50 for a turkey dinner with the trimmings. Frank stated he can match the price if need be. He stated he would like to continue making the dinner. It was tabled until all members are present.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Fields/Bleachers: Frank suggested putting a railing around them. Discussion ensued on the removal of the bleachers. Kerry is going to ask the insurance company if there is any way we can use the bleachers or what do they suggest we do. It is not in the budget to buy new ones.
- B. Background checks: Frank and Hank have theirs. Rufus's is scheduled for April 25 and Dawn if working on scheduling hers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mission and Vision Statement
- B. Bylaws for the commission

These two items were tabled until all members are present.

**OPEN FORUM**

Frank brought up the idea of having another port-a-john at the small field over by Park and Ride. Kerry advised that we have a lot of port-a-johns and it is not in the budget right now. But we can look into it.

It was suggested for next year's Easter Egg contest to have more individual chocolate candy spread around.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 May 21, at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted, -

  
Suzie Givone  
Secretary Recreation Commission