

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MAY 28, 2014
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on May 28, 2014 by Kerry Deckert in Frank Sebastiano's absence.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Present Members: Hank Smith, Rufus Coward, Mike Teets, Dawn Hankinson

Absent: Frank Sebastiano

Ludmilla Mecaj was not in attendance because she was conducting Recreation business relating to the Miss Newton Contest.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Teets made a motion to approve the April 16, 2014 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Chair Reports

Teen night with music: Due to Frank's absence, no report as this time.

Miss Newton: Ludmilla needs a volunteer to pick up balloons on Friday, June 13th and putting goody bags together on Thursday, June 12th. Jill McNickle and Dawn said she can assist on both days after work.

Halloween Events: Merchants are on board and are very excited. Spring Street will be closed off. Maxwell and Molly's are interested in doing a dog parade.

Newton Day: The Newton Braves Youth Football program will be providing volunteers to assist with the games during Newton Day. Dawn and Hank will be there as well.

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. Suzie checked with Rose and she is all set to pick up seniors and bring them back home. 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: The Newton High approached us with a quote to do the fall catering. This was tabled until there is a full commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Background checks: Dawn is waiting for her response.

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NEW BUSINESS

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

These two items were tabled until all members are present.

OPEN FORUM

Mike Teets again brought up the bleachers. He feels that football brings lots of people to town and that a lack of bleachers makes the town look bad to outsiders. Kerry told him that she had spoken to some of the other football committee members and advised them of grants that they could apply for in order to provide bleachers. Kerry advised him that bleachers were in our original capital improvements plan for 2014 but that Town Council had pared down our request.

Mike Teets also requested additional trash cans and recycling containers for both Memory Park and Pine Street Park. He mentioned that Andover had received recycling containers through the SCMUA using Clean Communities money. Kerry is going to 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 June 18, at 6:00 PM at the Newton Town Pool.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzie Givone
Secretary Recreation Commission