

**TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
6:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM on September 17, 2014 by Chairman Frank Sebastiano.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

Absent: Ludmilla Mecaj

Also Present: Kerry Deckert, Recreation Supervisor, and Suzie Givone, Recreation Secretary, Town Manager, Tom Russo and Town Mayor, Kevin Elvidge

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the May 28, 2014 minutes. Ms. Hankinson seconded the motion.

Chair Reports

Teen Night at the pool. Frank S. reported that Thor Labs annual party was the same night so he was pulled in another direction. The Teen Night was not well-attended.

Miss Newton: Rufus C. felt the event went well. There was not a lot of attendance from the Rec. Commission. Ludmilla did a great job with it. It takes a lot of planning and coordinating to make it a successful event. The commission will discuss their plans for next year at a later meeting.

Halloween Events: The Newton Fire Department will have their annual parade down Spring Street.

Newton Day: The Rec. Commission was not in attendance at the event. It is the responsibility of the Rec. Commission to run the games. For next year we will have a Rec. member chair this event and attend the Chamber of Commerce meetings with Nancy Woods to coordinate this better.

Summer Activities in the park: This has been changed to fall activities in the park. Hank S. will start October 1 on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon. The senior bus is 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.

Holiday Senior Dinner: Frank S. will be catering the event. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.

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The Newton Rec will be sponsoring their 2nd annual bus trip to NYC to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular show on Sunday, November 30. The bus leaves the Park -n- Ride at 10:00 am for a 4:00 showing. Plenty of time to eat and shop. Bus departs NYC at 5:30 pm. Tickets are on sale for Newton Residents.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kerry Deckert stated the Town Council received a letter from Ludmilla Mecaj informing them of her resignation from the Recreation Commission effective September 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Background checks: Dawn H. will give us her copy.

Light repairs- The lights will be replaced on the Little League Field.

AED's- The Town has agreed to install Automatic External Defibrillators throughout Memory Park.

Bylaws for the Recreation Commission: Kerry D. will reach out to the Town's attorney and look into this.

OPEN FORUM

Kerry D. stated if the Commission would like to change the meetings to 6:00 PM it needs to be advertised in the Town's appointed newspaper which is the New Jersey Herald. It will be advertised in December with the 2015 meeting schedule.

Mike T. brought up the stairs on one of the ladders at the pool. The ladder was out of commission all summer. Kerry stated that it was damaged while being cleaned. The rust on them went straight through and when they were trying to clean them they broke. The cost to repair them is \$5,000.00 which was not budgeted for.

Mike T. mentioned that 2 years in a row there have been no pictures in the New Jersey Herald showing the winners of the Miss Newton contest. Next year we will do a press release.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Teets 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 October 15, 2014 PM at the Newton Town Pool.

Respectfully submitted,



SUZIE GIVONE

Secretary Recreation Commission