

**TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2014  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on October 15, 2014 by Chairman Frank Sebastiano.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**Present Members:** Mr. Sebastiano, Mr. Smith, Mr. Coward, Mr. Teets

**Absent:** Dawn Hankinson

**Also Present:** Kerry Deckert, Recreation Supervisor

**Approval of Minutes**

September 17, 2014

**Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the September 17, 2014 minutes. Mr. Teets seconded the motion.** The minutes were approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

**Event Reports**

Halloween Event: Scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2014. 5:30 PM line up, 6 PM kickoff. The Commission discussed details about setting it up and it will be the same deal as last year. It has been advertised in the NJ Herald and The Township Journal. Flyers went out through Merriam Avenue School and Halsted Middle School.

Holiday Senior Dinner: Sunday, December 7, 2014 beginning at Noon. Mr. Sebastiano will be catering the event. He will submit a proposal. We need a head count 1 week prior to the event. The High School has asked for the food to arrive earlier. The High School cafeteria has been reserved and Mr. Tasker has been informed of the event. Suzie has reached out to the Student Council and the music departments for their assistance and music.

Tree Lighting/House Decorating, Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6 PM. The Senior Shuttle will arrive at Town Hall at 5:45. Santa will light the tree at 6:15 PM. We will put together a timeline of events. Suzie will ask Leo if he can play Santa. Rec Commission will purchase candy canes, cookies and hot cocoa. At the conclusion of the Tree Lighting Ceremony the seniors will get a bus ride throughout the neighborhoods of Newton and judge the best decorated house.

Senior Social- We had no participants. The day will be changed to Thursday from 10:30 to 12:30. We will look for an indoor location. Some possible suggestions were: Liberty Towers, PSS, Fire House No. 1, Valley View Nursing Home.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lacrosse: Discussion ensued on potential field space. Commission suggested having a meeting with Andover, Newton and Green Recreation Commissions to coordinate efforts.

Kerry will reach out to the owner of the Newton Golf Course to see if he is interested in selling for Green Acres.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on Bylaws ensued.

Confirming time change for January 2015 to 6 PM is fine with the Rec. Commission. We will advertise in the NJ Herald.

**OPEN FORUM**

Discussion ensued NJAL.

- Each sport is going its own way.
- Basketball needs money. Kerry will reach out Keith Anderson, President of basketball.
- There is a lack of participation in NJAL
- Encourage sports to go out for sponsorship
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Frank S. stated: Wants more oversight of youth recreation programs with finances, supervision and guidance. More membership recruiting.

Rufus C. stated: Wants accountability for finances because there is no oversight.

Hank S. stated: Successful sports are covering other sports expenses.

Mike T. suggested a liaison for each sport and invite presidents to our meeting.

November 12<sup>th</sup> is the next NJAL meeting.

Mike T: suggested pool chairs with arms, and widen the gate at Pine Street. Kerry told Mike that the AED's are here and training will be coming up. Appointment of team medic is in the works.

Lights by the snack stand are not working. We will reach out to Brock to check the electrical. Suzie reached out to Brock. The lights have been fixed.

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**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 November 19, 2014 PM at Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Suzie Givone  
Secretary Recreation Commission