

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, May 13, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Ed Marchion, Kathy Zolad, Ken Leggo, Bill DeBlasio, Don Woods

Board Members Absent: Robert Fresen, Jen Win-Johnson, Richard Khentigan

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 8, 2014

Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting. Ken Leggo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Community Center:

Bruce passed around handouts that will be helpful in gathering information for the future public hearings regarding the new Community Center. The handouts included attendance figures for the past 10 months in the various programs offered by the parks and recreation department, with a total of 43,561 people who have participated in programs throughout the year. Also information was passed around regarding the Needs Assessment Analysis done by Olsen Design Group and Kaestle Boos Assoc. The parks and recreation department programs that currently take place in the Mortensen Center are at maximum capacity and have no room for expansion.

The Council is meeting tonight, May 13th, looking at the proposal for the Community Center and Town Hall Renovation. The building committee unanimously passed it on to the Council which John Salomone, the manager, is given the over view of the project. Members of the sports organizations and programs have not appeared at any Building Committee Meetings to support the new community center. Don and Kathy would like to meet with all the sport and youth groups that are connected with the Parks and Recreation Department to let them know how beneficial the new Community Center will be to all of the programs, to find out if the Department is meeting their needs and to also let them know how much the Parks and Recreation Department needs there support with voicing their opinion for the new Community Center.

Golf Tournament: Not all of the expenses are in as of yet. The total revenue for the 2013 Tournament was \$20,520 and for the 2014 Tournament was \$17,211 with a loss of \$3,300. Donations for the Tee-signs stayed the same as last year. This year there were no platinum

sponsors as there have been in the past. Gold sponsorship was down this year. Picked up some new silver sponsors but the number of golfers down and raffle ticket sales went down this year as well. It is still worth running the golf tournament profits this year may be around \$7,000 to use to support other programs. Mary Udice mentioned having a banner for the tournament put up in Market Square as advertisement; Bruce will look into that for next year.

Extravaganza: The staff is working very diligently on everything and it is looking good.

Mill Pond Gazebo: Location for new pavilion was moved because of possible wetland encroachment. Contracted out the slab which was done a couple of days ago and the Pavilion will be ready to go up on June 5th. Old gazebo is still up for now. Exercise equipment will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Currently has five pieces coming and may expand in the future. Nice addition to the park.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Program Information:

Geese Relief: Bruce contacted a geese relief specialist with a border collie, he brought the dog to Mill Pond Park to demonstrate how it works. No geese in the park for the next couple of days. Unfortunately the proposal for one year is a cost of \$500.00/week. Bruce is going to look into other methods to detour the geese from the park. Ed mentioned they use a solar amber light at the golf course that costs approx.. \$350.00.

Community Gardens: Gardens have been rototilled but not staked out yet because of the cooler temperatures. Before Memorial Day everything should be done and ready.

Fishing Derby: Attendance was low because of rain showers. All kids that did participate received some kind of prize.

Summer Camp Staff: All hired for camp and aquatics.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Mary Udice to adjourn. Ed Marchion seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm with a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay