

TOWN OF NEWTON
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 15, 2020
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 15, 2020 by Chairwoman Karen Crossley.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci, Mr. Coward, Mrs. Rossi, Mrs. Zito, Chairwoman Crossley

Also Present: Recreation Supervisor, Sherri Kaylani; Acting Recreation Supervisor, Kat Walker.

Chairwoman Crossley read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

2020 Reorganization –

- Election of Chairperson: Upon motion of Mrs. Zito, seconded by Mrs. Rossi and unanimously carried, Karen Crossley was elected Chairperson for 2020.
- Election of Vice Chairperson: Upon motion of Mrs. Crossley, seconded by Mrs. Zito and unanimously carried, Rachel Bucci was elected Vice Chairperson for 2020.

MINUTES – November 20, 2019 -

Upon motion of Mrs. Crossley, seconded by Mrs. Rossi and unanimously carried, the minutes for the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Recreation Supervisor
 - Sherri Kaylani was welcomed as the new Recreation Supervisor. The new Recreation Coordinator, Gigi Regolizio, will start on March 1st. She will come to some Recreation meetings depending on when she is needed for recreation events as she is only allotted a certain number of hours per week.
- b. Recreation Commission vacancies
 - We need two more volunteers to fill the Recreation Commission. Rachel recommends Billie Chymiy. Apparently Billie has expressed interest in the past. Rachel will follow up with her.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Senior Spring Lunch/Musical
 - It has been confirmed for 3/22 at NHS at noon. The set up will begin at 10AM. Sherri has reached out to Brendan Scullin at the high school to reserve 100 tickets to the musical. We don't know what they are performing yet. Karen, Danielle, Rufus, Kelly and her daughter Emily will all be available to help at this event.

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b. Easter Fun Event

- It has been confirmed for Friday, 4/3 at NHS Cafeteria from 6 to 8PM. We should try and get in there as early as possible for set up. Maybe 4PM. Last year we decorated cookies at this event. It was very messy and potentially unhygienic (i.e. kids licking fingers and touching the icing bags). We are going to come up with an activity to replace this one. Everyone will plan to come to the next meeting with some ideas on this.

c. Easter Egg Hunt

- It has been confirmed for Saturday, 4/4 at NHS Turf Field at 10AM. We should try and meet there by 8:30AM for set up. We have ordered 1,000 pre-filled candy egg and 1,000 pre-filled toy eggs. We will need to find someone to be the Easter Bunny. We have the costume. Maybe someone from the high school looking for volunteer hours would be a good idea. Someone would have to reach out to the high school for that. Someone also suggested that maybe the Girl Scouts would be good volunteers to have on hand at this event. They could help layout the eggs. Gigi has contacts in G.S.. Maybe she can help coordinate this after she starts or for future events.

d. Subway Series baseball game

- 30 tickets have been purchased for this game which is scheduled for July 8th at 7:05PM. The bus still needs to be booked.

OPEN FORUM –

Mrs. Crossley would like to see a “Wall of Achievement” dedicated to the successes of local kids in sports, academics, volunteer work, etc.. Maybe it could be displayed in the lobby of Town Hall. Maybe it could be displayed on the Town Green.

Mrs. Crossley also suggested doing a televised sports game in the park and “tailgating” as an alternative to a movie in the park night.

Raffles were also discussed as a way to give gifts to the seniors at the luncheons. Maybe just the Holiday Lunch. Maybe both? We would have to get little donations from local businesses to use as gifts.

Mrs. Rossi suggested it might be nice to have name plates on display at Town Hall on one of the outside walls with the name of each person who had a flag dedicated in their honor at the Flags of Honor event. A Wall of Honor.

By-laws were discussed. They need to be located and reviewed and possibly revised.

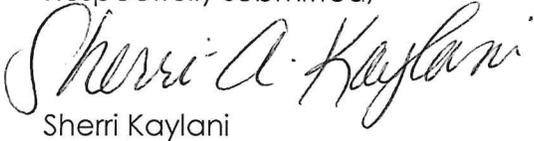
Fingerprinting was also discussed. Mrs. Crossley will need hers redone soon. Everyone else should be current.

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Mrs. Rossi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Bucci. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherri Kaylani