

TOWN OF NEWTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – February 16, 2022  
Via Audio Conference Call

The regular meeting of the Newton Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:07 PM on February 16, 2022, by Recreation Supervisor, Sherri Kaylani.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mr. Abramson, Mrs. Bucci, Mr. Coward, Mrs. Crossley, Ms. Qarmout, Mrs. Zito

**Also Present:** Recreation Supervisor, Sherri Kaylani

**Absent excused:** Maureen Duggan-Cuff

Chairwomen Crossley, read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

**2022 Reorganization –**

- Election of Chairperson: Upon motion of Mr. Abramson, seconded by Mrs. Bucci and unanimously carried, Karen Crossley was elected Chairperson for 2022.
- Election of Vice Chairperson: Upon motion of Mrs. Zito, seconded by Mrs. Crossley and unanimously carried, Rachel Bucci was elected Vice Chairperson for 2022.

**MINUTES – January 19, 2022 -**

Upon motion of Mrs. Crossley, seconded by Mr. Abramson and unanimously carried, the minutes for the January 19, 2022 meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

The recreation commission members all agreed with the date of April 16th for our Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am. We discussed some of the logistics for the egg hunt such as components needed for set up, Sherri updated all on the following: we have requested the use of the turf field at NHS and their indoor gym in case of rain for the Easter egg hunt. Karen stated that she can help lead the event being that due to Covid, this will be the first time the event is held in two years, and she has prior experience with the event. Set up is planned for 8:30 am and the event (including set-up, event and break down) may run through noon.

The Town is still hiring Interns. Karen asked if there is a minimum age requirement? We looked online and could not find that answer; Sherri stated that she would ask HR and get back to her. The recreation department will need a summer intern.

The Babe Ruth Field project continues to move forward and is currently in the level 1 planning/funding phase.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The commission reviewed the 2022 events that are being planned and are as follows, Easter egg hunt (Karen, Rachel, Alan, and Lisa stated that they can help with the Easter event. Rufus stated he will try due to his work schedule; Danielle is not able to help that day but can help prior to the

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event), Senior spring lunch (May 14<sup>th</sup>), Miss Newton, Lil Mr. and Miss Newton, Newton Day (possibly June 11<sup>th</sup>), pool events (tbd), Sussex County Day (possibly September 19<sup>th</sup>- Rachel, Karen and Lisa stated they could help that day), Fall senior lunch, Flags of Honor (November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am).

It was also discussed that the recreation department will need the assistance of all to continue to make these events successful. More details to be discussed at future meetings. Sherri informed all that we will need an Easter Bunny for our 2022 Easter Egg Hunt and that easter eggs have been ordered in the quantity of 2,000 pre-filled (half candy, half toys). Danielle suggested reaching out to the HS to inquire if any students need volunteer hours and can help with this community event. With regards to the Miss Newton event, Karen stated that she will contact the Newton theatre to ask if they'd be willing to allow use of their facility for this event. Rachel stated that she would be willing to sponsor the event. Sherri informed all that we are now hiring Lifeguards and Pool Assistants for the 2022 pool season further stating that the applications for interns and pool positions are now open on our website at newtontownhall.com. Danielle and Lisa suggested that we post this information at the College and HS. Sherri reassured all that the recreation department will be working on improved recruiting for the positions stating also that Barbara will resume hours as an Administrative Assistant in March and aid with that recruitment process. Sherri provided a recreational sports update for the 2022 spring season discussing the rec leagues available and updating all that our fields will begin spring maintenance in March and that the scoreboard is properly working but does need the leagues to assign scoreboard managers otherwise, they will appear to not be working.

**OPEN FORUM** –

We discussed that our next meeting will be held in person and that the Municipal buildings will be open to the public beginning February 28<sup>th</sup>. There were no members from the public present.

Mr. Bucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Coward. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM in person at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Kaylani