

City of Newton – Recreation Commission

Minutes from June 11, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Recreation Chairman John Stiver

Members in attendance:

John Stiver, Marshall Pratt, Mickie Drum, Terry Abernethy, Kyle Smith, Sandra Waters and Carol Stiles.

Visitor:

Frances Inscoe

A. Approval of Minutes

Commission member Terry Abernethy moved for the Commission to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, April 9, 2013 regular meeting, seconded by Commission member Mickie Drum, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Commission Chairman John Stiver introduced Kyle Smith to the Commission.

C. Frances Inscoe attended the commission meeting to discuss basketball courts in the city parks. She asked about adding more basketball courts in the parks especially for the younger children. The Director and Commission reminded her of the cost to build these courts and the economy. They will keep her suggestion under consideration for future budgets.

D. Activities Report

The Assistant Director went over the first week usage and income brought in at the swimming pool, she also spoke about Adult Softball league number being down – no team sponsorship. Festival and Event will start “Movies in the Park” beginning Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 p.m.

E. Eat Smart Move More Program

The Director updated the commission on the ESMMP. The County is in the process of making signs for the program; the funds for the signs are not available until June, when the funds come in the signs should be ready by the end of June.

F. Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

Josh Miller will be flying in from Texas with Academy Sports to attend the take a kid fishing day. Academy Sports donated (48) fishing rods; and (10) \$10.00 dollar gift certificates to give as door prizes at Take-A-Kid Fishing. The Assistant Director gave out a newspaper from Academy Sports that advertised Take-A-Kid Fishing program.

G. Coca-Cola “Take it to the Park”

The Director had received an e-mail from the County telling her that Southside Park was on the list for choosing America’s Favorite Park, and asked members to vote for Southside Park – 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$100,000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$50,000.

H. Cemetery/Park Report

Greenway – 3 or 4 sections have washed away due to all the rain. The maintenance staff is working to build the sections up so the greenway can re-open to walkers.

I. Budget 2013 – 2014

The Director reviewed and gave out copies of the 2013 – 2014 budget and charges and fees to everyone.

J. Parks and Recreation Magazine - Pillars of Our Communities

The Director discussed with the commission the new national parks and recreation logo, three pillars of Recreation, “Conservation”, “Health & Wellness” and “Social Equity”.

K. Recreation Commission Goals

The Director and Chairman reminded members at next meeting to be present to discuss goals for the upcoming year.

L. Next meeting : Tuesday, August 13, 2013

M. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.