

Community Center Committee Minutes

June 18, 2019

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

Present: Kinga Walsh, Nancy Doniger, Bill Manfredonia, Kevin Byrne, Cheyanne Wirtz, Jeff Tousignant, Brian Hargraves

Also Present: Matt Ariniello Director, Filippo Formica and Olivia Deschenes (student reps)

Absent: Doria Linnetz, Fred Taylor, Nolan Adis (student rep)

No public

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Ms Doniger moved to accept the minutes of June 4th 2nd by Mr Manfredonia – discussion led to sentence on drains being removed from the director's report. Approved as amended

Motion made by Mr Hargraves to cancel the July 23rd meeting and reschedule for July 16th due to vacations 2nd by Ms Wirtz. approved

Directors Report

Construction Update-

Temporary CO is expected by July 1st.

During an early value engineering process, driveway drainage was removed and replaced with a landscaping plan that outlined specific trees and plants to soak up ground water before it enters cooling-catch basins as well as to cover the run off from the back hill. During the next value engineering session in late-2018, landscaping was completely removed. Mr Ariniello was advised that this VE'd landscaping plan is an integral part of the total construction plan and must be completed in order to get a CO. He is looking for donations and volunteers to get this part done. The original contractor's bid price was about \$300,000 dollars for plantings and labor. Mr Ariniello worked with Mr Sibley (Town Land Use) who agreed to issue a temporary CO if certain sections are completed by early July 2019. The remainder must be completed before winter 2019. Mr Ariniello ordered 260 trees to be delivered June 24th which will cover the temporary CO requirements. They will all have to be placed and planted next week to obtain the temporary CO on time. He has asked for volunteers to assist with this process.

The remaining trees/plants/shrubs will need to be planted within a few months. This also includes the back hill which is from the EOC building down to the Center to control run off. Mr Ariniello has spoken with the local pollinators group who expressed interest in planting a pollination garden in the back. Mr Ariniello

requested members submit suggestions of places to obtain donations or labor to help with the rest of the required plantings. Mr Tousignant volunteered to assist Mr Ariniello with this project.

Paving

Paving was delayed due to the rain. Hopefully finished this week so planting can be done next week.

Phones and internet should be ready by 7/15.

Housekeeping Companies are submitting bids – they will be utilized after hours 7 days a week.

Membership

Sales have started. Things are going well. Sale dates are:

6/15 Municipal Center 9-12

6/17 Nunnawauk Meadows 10-12

6/20 Municipal Center 5-8

6/24 Senior Center 8-10

6/26 CH Booth Library 5-7

6/27 Municipal Center 9-11

6/29 Municipal Center 10-1

Classes

Lifeguarding classes are going strong. Participants are coming from all over. WSI course will be offered. This is the only one in the area this year. Space is limited to 12.

Hiring

Still looking for front desk Tuesday night 3:30-9

Donations/grants

Applying for a grant to create a phone app from Charter

WIN – voting on item to be donated this week

Knights – would like to donate special needs pool equipment for Sensory Sunday Program – voting soon on item

COA \$500 towards cost of ribbon cutting

CT State Art Grant as well as Union Savings Grant for use in the arts program has been applied for.

Café update –

There is a great article and picture in this week's "Bee".

Mr Ariniello will meet with the Realtors on Thursday to update them on the Center and go over the packets to hand out to new residents.

Friends of The Newtown Community Center has been approved by the IRS as a 501C3. They will begin raising funds for scholarships and capital improvements.

Ms Walsh requested that the Q & A be added to the website.

Programming

Working on a combo gym/swim program for 2 days per week after school for the Reed students in conjunction with NYA.

Trying to reinstate the SPARK program 2 days per week for after school.

Ribbon cutting is Friday 7/19 at 10am. This will be an invitation VIP event. There will be demonstrations in the pool and art rooms during the tours given to invitees.

7/22 The center will be open to the public.

10/5 there will be a community open house. This date was chosen so families would be back from vacation and there was not another event on the campus.

Student Reps

Ms Deschenes and Mr Formica will be continuing to assist the Committee. Mr Adis was not in attendance to respond.

Mr Ariniello will submit a fiscal report at the July meeting.

Next meeting is July 9th.

Mr Hargraves moved to adjourn at 7:56 2nd by Mr Tousignant. approved

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton, clerk