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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Elisa Beckett Flores, Jim Ogden, Gary Remley and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Tom Edwards and Mark Lamanna,

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull and BOE Representative Kim LaTourette

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Public Comment- BOE Representative Kim LaTourette noted that she was very pleased with the Open Swim at the high school that she attended with her family. This is held the first Friday of every month.

Approval of Minutes-Gary Remley made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting as presented. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that the Commission still has a vacancy for a member if anyone knows someone who may be interested.

Sean Loughran noted that he emailed Russ Loudon about the need for more mulch at the playground. He also noted that three bids are needed for the replacement of the railroad ties at the playground. Elisa Beckett Flores asked about the possibility of using something other than railroad ties as young children sometimes trip on the railroad ties.

Sean Loughran announced that there will be a meeting regarding the replacement of the docks at the Boat Marina on Tuesday, January 15th at 2:30pm in Town Hall and encouraged Parks and Rec Commission members to attend. This meeting will be between the Parks and Rec Director, the First Selectman, the Finance Director and the Engineering firm of RACE Engineering Coastal. Preliminary ideas and prices will be discussed and may be voted on at the next Board of Finance meeting.

Director update

Seasonal positions

Seasonal positions will be posted until January 25th. The Camp Director from last year will return. It is possible that the Outdoor Cinema Director may not return. The parking attendant may want to work fewer hours this summer. There was a brief discussion of the whether or not a parking attendant is necessary

every day. Linda Lull will look at the statistics from last year in order for the commission to make a decision.

Town Beach

There was a discussion of the number of Beach passes sold in recent year and ways to increase the number of people that use the Town Beach. The current prices are \$95 per family (\$85 early bird) and \$45 for a single person (\$40 early bird). There was a discussion of what surrounding towns do to attract people to their beaches.

Summer Concert Series

Linda Lull will be sending information to local businesses to see if there is any interest in sponsoring a summer concert series. This would be a few times in the summer with the possibility of food trucks.

Oktoberfest

Linda Lull spoke of the possibility of hosting an Oktoberfest in lieu of New Fairfield Day. This would be at Memorial Field. There was a discussion of possible dates and whether or not it would be worth it.

Haunting on the Hollow

Linda Lull noted that she met with ByNite productions and Rick Salem from the Lions Club to discuss the splitting of the proceeds from the 2018 Haunting on the Hollow. ByNite has asked the Lions Club to take less money for 2018 as they felt the agreement was not met.

There was a discussion of the return on investment for the Haunting and the Hollow and the possibility of the Parks and Rec Department not participating next year.

Sip and Stroll

It was decided to have the Sip and Stroll on Saturday, June 8th.

Jim Odgen made a motion to charge a fee of \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door for the Sip and Stroll on Saturday, June 8th. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Day Camp

Summer Day Camp will be held for six weeks from June 24th to August 2nd.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to allow Day Camp Director Kevin Courtney to bring his four children to the camp for six weeks during the summer free of charge as part of his compensation. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Boat Docks

Letters regarding the boat docks will be mailed out once the fee is determined.

Subcommittee Reports

Waterfront

A lot of work needs to be done at the beach. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The bathrooms at Rebel Turf need some general maintenance.

Adjournment- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**