

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION***  
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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 11, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Elisa Beckett Flores, Mark Lamanna and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Jim Ogden and Gary Remley

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull and BOE Representative Kathy Baker

Guests: None

**Call to Order**- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting as presented. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-0-2 (Tom Edwards and Mark Lamanna abstained)**

**Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that Boat Dock renewal letters with the price increase were sent out. Public Works is taking care of the Dock repair. Linda Lull noted that she spoke with First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and noted that the Town is waiting for designs from the Engineering firm. It was decided to allow 24 foot pontoon boats on the inside boat slips. There was a brief discussion of the timeline for the design. There was also a discussion of whether or not the docks should be taken out of the water in the winter. The commission will look into this further.

It was noted that only one vendor has shown an interest in selling food at the Town Beach this summer. There is a \$250 vendor fee that is paid to the Town. It was decided that the Parks and Rec Commission will not charge an additional fee for this. The exception would be if the vendor insists on having exclusive rights to the Beach for the summer. In that case, the fee to the Parks and Rec commission would be \$250.00.

**Director update**

**Parking Attendant**

There was a discussion of the parking attendant at the Town Beach and specifically if an attendant is needed on Saturdays after July 4th.

Tom Edwards made a motion to hire a parking attendant for Thursday, July 4, Saturday, July 6, Sunday, July 7 and every Sunday until Labor Day with the right to revisit if necessary. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion- **Vote 6-0-0**

### **Boat Parade**

Linda Lull noted that approximately 40 to 50 people were interested in the Boat parade last year which was eventually cancelled. It was decided to have the event this year on Friday, July 12th with a rain date of Saturday, July 13th as long as a minimum of 25 boats are entered. The event will be free to enter and commission members will be judges. Linda Lull will ask Squantz Pond Volunteer Fire Dept to lead the parade and will notify the Candlewood Lake Authority.

### **Sip and Stroll**

The Sip and Stroll will be held on Saturday, May 18th. There was a suggestion of having various colors on the map to encourage participants to visit all locations.

### **Summer Concert series**

The Summer Concert series will be held on Thursdays, July 11 and 18 and August 8 on Memorial Field from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Rain dates will be the following Thursday. There was a brief discussion of having food for sale.

### **Kayak Day**

Kayak Day will be held on either July 20th or July 27th.

### **Programs at the Beach**

Linda Lull gave a suggestion of possibly having an Art Show at he Town Beach.

### **Outdoor Cinema Director**

Linda Lull noted that Tim Pfeiffer will not be returning this summer as the Outdoor Cinema Director.

### **Haunting on the Hollow**

Sean Loughran made a motion to add a discussion of the Haunting on the Hollow to the agenda. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Chris Van Steen made a motion that the Parks and Rec Commission not participate in the Haunting on the Hollow for 2019. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

### **Oktoberfest**

The commission discussed the possibility of an Oktoberfest with a possible date of Saturday, October 5th. This would be held on Memorial Field possibly between the hours of 1pm to 6pm. There was a discussion of the cost of this event and the amount that should be charged per person. There was a suggestion of partnering with local clubs such as the Lions Club or the Community Service Club. There was a discussion of selling food and alcohol and the costs associated with it. It was decided to discuss this further at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **Playground**

There was a discussion of asking Public Works to walk the playground to look for issues that may need to be repaired. It was noted that at least three quotes are need for mulch and railroad ties. Elisa Beckett Flores asked about making the playground ADA compliant and volunteered to look for the possibility of grants.

**Adjournment**- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.  
Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos