

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2019
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

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

Members Absent: Mark Lamanna

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull, Bucky Riehl (Buildings and Grounds) and BOE Representative Greg Flanagan

Guests: None

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

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-2 (Gary Remley and Jim Ogden abstained)**

Director update

Pickle Ball

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull noted that she received an email requesting that Pickle Ball lines be painted on the basketball courts near the playground. She will get prices for this.

Sip and Stroll

Linda Lull noted that she sent letters to local businesses to see if there is any interest in advertising in the brochure for the Sip and Stroll that will be held on Saturday, May 18th. The cost of this would be \$50 for a business card size advertisement. It was noted that the glass will be made of real glass instead of plastic and there was a brief discussion of the design on the glasses and what color the lettering should be.

Summer positions

Linda Lull noted that interviews for camp counselors and life guards were conducted this week. There is a shortage of life guards and Water Safety Instructors which may affect if swim lessons can be held at the Town Beach this summer. She asked the commission members to let her know if they know anyone that may want to apply as a WSI.

Interviews for the Outdoor Cinema Technicians are completed and an offer was made to a candidate. Linda Lull noted that she is waiting to see if this candidate will accept the position.

Oktoberfest

Linda Lull noted that the New Fairfield Lions Club would like to form a committee with the Parks and Rec Commission to look into having an Oktoberfest in the Fall. Chris Van Steen volunteered to help with getting vendors for the alcohol. There was a brief discussion on the responsibility of serving alcohol and checking identification. It was noted that this event would be for approximately 400 people. Linda Lull asked any Parks and Rec commission members to let her know if they would be interested in serving on this committee.

Summer movies

Hotel Transylvania 2 will be shown on June 21st with a rain date of June 28th and Incredibles 2 will be shown on July 26th with a rain date of August 2nd.

Summer Concert series

The Summer Concert series will be held on Thursdays, July 11, July 18 and August 8 on Memorial Field from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Boat Parade

Linda Lull noted that she is still waiting for approval from DEP f or the Boat parade.

Food at the Town Beach

The ice cream vendor at the Town Beach will come back for this season.

Fields

Director of Buildings and Grounds Bucky Riehl asked about the possibility of purchasing a machine for grooming of the ball fields. It was noted that the cost of this machine would be approximately \$24,000. There was a brief discussion of other possibilities and there was a suggestion of hiring someone to groom the fields or renting the machine.

Steve Burfeind asked who would be responsible for deciding whether or not the fields will be open in inclement weather and noted that it should not be a commission member.

Docks

Sean Loughran spoke of the dock replacements at the Town Beach and noted that they will go out to bid soon. It was noted that the docks will go back in the water this year as is. The plan is to replace the arms of the docks but keep the fingers. There was a discussion of the types of material to be used for the docks. The Selectmen will be checking with the Candlewood Lake Authority regarding the docks. This will be discussed further in the near future.

Playground

Bucky Riehl noted that three quotes are needed for the replacement of railroad ties at the playground. Elisa Beckett-Flores volunteered to walk the playground to identify items that need to be fixed. Bucky Riehl noted that he will walk the playground and asked for pictures of what exactly needs to be addressed. Elisa Beckett-Flores is currently looking into grants for putting a sidewalk around the

playground and the possibility of making it more ADA compliant. It was noted that there is an ADA compliant swing but it is difficult to get to it with a stroller or wheelchair.

The commission wished Bucky Riehl all the best in his retirement.

Adjournment- Jim Ogden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.
Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos