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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 8, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

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

Members Absent: Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Mark Lamanna and Jim Ogden

Town official present: Parks and Rec Employees Bucky Riehl, Russ Loudon, Lloyd Decker and BOE Representative Kim LaTourette

Guests: None

**Call to Order**- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. **No quorum was met so there were no votes taken. An informal discussion was had among the members present.**

**Buildings and Grounds**

Lloyd Decker (Public Works Buildings Manager) spoke of the following:

- There were some breaks in parts of the Boat Docks. They were taken out in order to be replaced. They should be back in place by April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The contracted work with Race Engineering will be done next spring. They are doing the soil samples this year so that it won't have to be done next year.
- Noted that the Softball and Lacrosse fields were laid out.
- Spoke of removing two tables at the playground and replacing with free standing picnic tables. He noted that the existing railroad ties should be replaced with a safer boarder.
- There was a discussion of making the playground more ADA compliant and specifically putting a path to the swings in order to get a wheelchair through. It was suggested looking at the Brookfield playground for ideas for ADA compliance. Elisa Beckett Flores noted that the United Way may give money to make playgrounds more ADA compliant. She will follow up on this.
- There was a discussion of mulch at the playground and it was noted that the price does not include the spreading of the mulch.
- Benches will be installed at the Memorial II field this weekend.
- There was a discussion of the best set up for the Zoom Flume at the Town Beach.
- Elisa Beckett Flores thanked the Public Works Department for grinding down the stumps at the playground. She asked if they could put a cover of the power boxes at the playground.
- There was a discussion of temporarily shutting down Komlo Field in order to give it time to rest.

- The Public Works department asked who would be responsible for making the decision to close the field in the event of inclement weather.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

The cost for weed removal at the Town Beach is approximately \$6,900.00

The cost for sand at the Town Beach is approximately \$1,000.00

Pickle Ball lines will be painted at the basketball court at the high school for a cost of approximately \$825.00.

The Sip and Stroll will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be summer concerts at the gazebo on Memorial Field.

The proposed Oktoberfest will not be held as discussed. The Parks and Rec Commission was asked to help with New Fairfield Day.

### **Parking lot at playground**

Elisa Beckett Flores noted she spoke with the high school regarding the limited amount of parking spots at the playground/dog park for the community. She was told that they will be repainting the parking lines and reserving spots for the community.

**Adjournment**- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Sean Loughran seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos