

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Shane Cosentino, Elisa Beckett Flores (arrived 7:25 pm), Jim Ogden, Gary Remley and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards and Mark Lamanna

Town official present: Lloyd Decker (Public Works), Russ Loudon (Public Works), Bucky Riehl (Public Works) Linda Lull (Parks and Rec Director) and Kim LaTourette (BOE Representative)

Guests: Representatives from New Fairfield Softball

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

Public Comment

Various representatives from Men's Softball expressed concerns about the condition of the fields and noted that the season will be starting in the very near future. They spoke of the need for clay, overgrowth of weeds and flooding. There was a brief discussion of purchasing a machine to groom the fields at a cost of approximately \$18,000.00. The commission discussed the possibility of renting one or borrowing from the schools. Public Works Director Lloyd Decker spoke of various incentives and the advantages of buying a new machine vs. renting one.

Jim Howser from the Soccer Club spoke of benches on Rebel Turf that are too close to the field. He noted that they cannot be moved to the track and expressed concern that a player could get hurt if they run into the bench. The commission suggested that he contact Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the schools or Mary Stolle, Athletic Director. The commission noted that they will pass the information onto the schools.

Approval of Minutes- Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 and April 8, 2019 meetings as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Chairman's Comments- None

Buildings and Grounds update

Lloyd Decker gave an update from the Public Works Department:

- Boat docks were repaired and installed.

- Parts were ordered to repair the gate at the Boat Docks.
- They are waiting on a price for an additional light fixture for the parking lot at the Town Beach
- Trees have been removed at the Town Beach
- The GFI outlet for the Zoom Flume will be installed
- A concrete block on the end of the North Beach retaining wall will be installed to prevent future wash out.
- Sand is needed for both the North and South beaches- There was a brief discussion of possibly moving the playground at the South beach before the sand is delivered. This will be investigated by the Public Works Department.
- A new rope was purchased for the swim area buoys.
- Clay is needed for the fields.
- There was a discussion of the playground and it was noted that the price for the border and the mulch but doesn't include the spreading of the mulch. It was decided to vote on this once the price for the spreading is received.

Director's update

Linda Lull noted that she is waiting to hear from the Fire Department Chief Bruce Taylor about traffic control for the Sip and Stroll for Saturday, May 18th.

Sean Loughran will send an email to Lloyd Decker to follow up about the carpet in the pavilion at Rebel Turf.

Linda Lull noted that 20 boat slips became available this summer and 19 have been filled to date. Two jetski slips are available at the Town Marina. An email was sent out to see if there is an interest.

Subcommittee reports

Weed removal at waterfront

Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$6,900 for milfoil removal at the town beach by C&D Maintenance. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Zoom Flume at Town Beach

Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$350.00 for the GFI adapter for the Zoom Flume at the Town Beach. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Sand for Town Beach

Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 for sand at the Town Beach. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Clay for fields

Chris Van Steen made a motion to an expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 for clay for the fields Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Grooming Machine for fields

Jim Ogden made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$19,000.00 for a machine to groom the baseball fields. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Pickleball court lines

The Pickleball lines will be drawn on the basketball courts at the high school. Players will have to bring their own nets.

Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$825.00 to paint Pickleball lines on the new basketball courts. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

New Fairfield Fair Days

Linda Lull noted that the Parks and Rec Department was asked to take over New Fairfield Fairs Day on Saturday, September 7th beginning at 12:00 noon. Junk in the Trunk will take place at the Senior Center parking lot that morning. The previously discussed Oktoberfest will not be happening.

Linda Lull spoke of concerts at the gazebo on Memorial Field:

- Milo Mojo will play on July 11th sponsored by Reilly & Biasetti
- Dan's Garage Band will play on July 25th sponsored by Independent Realty.
- Parks and Rec Commission will sponsor a concert in August.

Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to spend up to \$800.00 for two sponsor two concerts at Memorial Field. The first would be in August and the second to be on September 7th (New Fairfield Fairs Day). Jim Ogden seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Sip and Stroll

The Sip and Stroll will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 4pm to 8pm. 150 glasses have been sold to date. Various businesses purchased ads for \$50 each which paid for the maps. The deadline to pre-purchase glasses is when Town Hall closes on Friday, May 17th at noon. The cost for pre-purchase is \$25 per glass. The cost the day of the event is \$35 per glass. There will be two baskets raffled off with a price of \$5 per raffle ticket.

Boat Parade

The Boat Parade will be held on Friday, July 12th with rain date of Saturday, July 13th. The deadline to sign up is Friday, June 7th.

Staff

An Adventure Camp Director is still needed for the summer. There is also a need for lifeguards.

Outdoor Cinema rental

Bethel, Weston and Newtown will rent the outdoor cinema equipment this summer.

New Fairfield Soccer would like to rent the Outdoor Cinema equipment to watch the USA Women's National Team World Cup game. It was decided to charge half price since this is a town club.

Jim Ogden made a motion to allow New Fairfield Soccer to rent the Outdoor Cinema equipment at a rate of \$750.00 (1/2 of the usual price). Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Adjournment- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.

Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**