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SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, JUNE 24, 2019
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL ANNEX COMMUNITY ROOM

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

Members Absent: Jim Ogden

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull and Lloyd Decker (Public Works)

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

Public Comment

Jim Keller spoke of the possibility of hosting two mini track meets on Friday nights in the summer for younger kids (preK-14). This would be a free event and the held at the high school track. The dates for the event are proposed to be July 12th and August 9th from 6pm to 9pm. It was noted that there are no conflicts with other events. There was a brief discussion of registration for these events and advertising.

Lorraine Brundage spoke of the possibility of forming a women's softball league. She noted that over 70 women have already showed an interest in the league. Bruno's, Prime Time and Ultimate Limousine have agreed to sponsor a team.

Pedro Soto spoke of the possibility of forming a co-ed softball league beginning in the fall. He noted that they would play approximately eight games. There was a brief discussion of insurance for the league.

Approval of Minutes-Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor except Mark Lamanna who abstained**

Building and Grounds update

Lloyd Decker spoke of the following:

- Got a price for an additional parking lot fixture in the amount of \$850.00
- The price for the GFI outlet for the zoom flume is \$1,370.00
- A sample tap was installed in the beach house by Botticelli plumbing
- Sand was spread on the south beach and more sand will be purchased for the north beach.
- There is an open purchase order to purchase a concrete block for the north beach in the amount of \$300.00
- The Boat Parade will be held in July.
- There was a brief discussion of lights at the Town Beach and the marina in response to an email from a New Milford resident noting that she can see the lights from her home.

- A quote in the amount of \$2,783.00 was given for the new carpeting for the pavilion at Rebel Turf.
- There was a brief discussion of the cost of spreading mulch at the playground. The quote was approximately \$12,000.
- Swim lanes were installed today.

Playground

Steve Burfeind made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$12,000 for the purpose of installing a new border and removing the old border and the purchase and spreading of mulch at the playground. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Fields

Lloyd Decker spoke of the schedule for grooming of the fields and noted that the fields will be groomed a couple of times a week over the summer. Gary Remley asked if it was possible to use the groomer for the weeds at the beach. Lloyd Decker will look into this.

Town Beach

Gary Remley made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,370 for the GFI outlet for the zoom flume at the Town Beach. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

M&M Precast

Mark Lamanna made a motion to approve the purchase order for M&M Precast for concrete block for the North Beach in the amount of \$300.00. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Light Fixture at Parking Lot

Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to authorize the payment of \$850.00 for an additional parking lot fixture at the Town Beach. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Picnic tables at playground

Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to approve an expenditure not exceed \$1500 for two ADA compliant picnic tables at the playground. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Women's softball

Steve Burfeind made a motion to offer an inaugural rate for the first year of \$100 per team for the new Women's Softball league. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Men's softball

There was a discussion of the proposed men's softball league and it was decided that a rate will be determined once more information is received. Specifically the commission would like to know the start and end dates, the number of games, number of teams and the days of the week that they are expected to play.

Carpet at Pavilion

Gary Remley made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$2,783 to replace the carpet at Rebel Turf pavilion. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Director's Report

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull spoke of the following:

- The possibility of updating the software for the department to Active Network. This system was recommended by the IT Department in the town. There was a discussion of glitches with the current system (Rec Track) specifically, the need to register ahead of time for first time users. The approximate cost for Active Network is \$13,800 for the software with a yearly fee of \$6,300. There was a suggestion of possibly sharing this program with other town departments. It was decided to table this decision until the commission members can see a demonstration of the program.
- Day Camp started today (6/24) with approximately 150 kids enrolled.
- The enrollment for the Blue Raiders Swim Team is 28 swimmers.
- There was a discussion of the Boat Parade that will be held on July 12th (rain date of July 13th). So far, 22 boaters have registered. Radio Station I-95 had 20 minute segment about it on their station and there is an article on their website. There was a discussion of the number of “likes” on Facebook and what to do in the event of overcrowding. There was a suggestion of having a shuttle bus from Stop and Shop. Linda Lull will find out the maximum capacity for parking and will call the Candlewood Lake Authority to alert them. Lifeguards will be at the event.

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm.
Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**