

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Shane Cosentino, Elisa Beckett Flores, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden and Gary Remley

Members Absent: Tom Edwards and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull

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

Public Comment- John McCartney applauded the Parks and Rec commission for all the great events that they have put together recently and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Chairman's Comments- Sean Loughran noted that there are a lot of events coming up in the fall which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes- Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2019 special meeting as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Building and Grounds update

Shane Cosentino gave an update from the Public Works Department that included information regarding:

- Boat Docks
- Pavilion
- Softball Fields
- Town Park
- Community Playground

Linda Lull asked about the status of the Pickleball lines that were scheduled to be painted on the basketball courts at the Town Beach. Shane Cosentino will look into this.

Director update

Linda Lull noted that the Boat parade was very successful. There was a suggestion of possibly reversing the route for next year so that the boaters finish at the Town Beach.

There will be a demonstration of the proposed Recreational software Max Galaxy on September 9th at 7:00 pm during the next regular Parks and Rec meeting.

The Blue Raiders Coach will not be returning as the Swim Team Director and will just be a Waterfront Director for next year. It was noted that registration for swim lessons is down but day camp registration is up.

Linda Lull spoke of a Road Safety Training class that may be helpful for Parks and Rec members. This class will be held on Tuesday, September 10 from 8 am to 12:30 pm in Monroe, CT with a cost of \$100 per person. Anyone interested should notify the Parks and Rec Department. It was decided that the Parks and Rec Commission will pay the registration fee if any commission members are interested in attending.

The Town Beach will be closed beginning August 26 but will reopen for Labor Day weekend.

Upcoming Events

September 7- New Fairfield Fair Day

November 24- Turkey Run

November 30 (Rain Date December 1) - Holiday Parade

December 5- Great Light Fight

New Fairfield Fair Day

Live Animal Show

Linda Lull spoke of the possibility of having a live animal show such as a Birds of Prey show for New Fairfield Day and will reach out to Union Savings Bank to ask if they will sponsor.

Beer and Wine Garden

Linda Lull gave a suggestion of having a Beer and Wine Garden on Memorial Field for New Fairfield Fair Day. Nick's Chilled and Distilled of Newtown will run this tent. Linda Lull noted that she spoke with First Selectman Pat Del Monaco regarding this and it was reviewed by Town Counsel. The Parks and Rec Commission would only pay for the beer, wine and cider that is used. Wrist bands would be sold only to people that have proven to be at least 21 years old. There was a discussion of whether or not there should be a limit to the number of drinks that someone can buy at once. There was a discussion of other supplies needed to be purchased by the commission and it was decided that a tent, fence, cups and possibly a refrigerator truck may be needed.

Elisa Beckett Flores made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine garden for New Fairfield Fair Day on September 7th. Jim Ogden seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Gary Remley made a motion to approve spending up to \$3,000 for expenditures for the Beer and Wine garden for New Fairfield Day. Such expenditures include a tent, refrigerator truck, cups, temporary fencing and any miscellaneous supplies. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Appointment of Parks and Rec Fields committee member

Sean Loughran noted that an additional Parks and Recreation Commission member is needed to serve on the Fields Committee member in conjunction with the BOE. Jim Odgen volunteered for this position.

Playground

Elisa Beckett Flores noted that the new tables at the playground look great.

Suggestions

Elisa Beckett Flores asked about the possibility of having a Movie Night at Memorial Field that features a movie for adults.

Elisa Beckett Flores asked about the possibility of having a Mermaid Day to give lessons regarding swimming with fins. There was a brief discussion of this and Elisa Beckett Flores will get the instructor's name for future reference.

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.
Mark Lamanna seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**