

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 13, 2018
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Jim Ogden, Mark Lamanna, Gary Remley and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards and Mike Ellenberg,

Town official present: Bucky Riehl (Public Works) and BOE Liaison Greg Flanagan

Guests: Fred Testor

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Public Comment- BOE Liaison Greg Flanagan asked when the benches that were ordered for Memorial Field 2 will be installed. He also asked about the schedule for cutting the grass on the softball fields and noted that all three fields need clay. Bucky Riehl from Public Works noted that the fields will be lined for Fall softball. Sean Loughran will look into the ordering of the benches.

Approval of Minutes- Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2018 meeting as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Motion approved- Jim Ogden abstained)

Chairman Comments

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that enrollment numbers for the summer programs are down by approximately 20 kids per week. The enrollment for the swim team is also down.

Buildings and Grounds update-Bucky Riehl spoke of the following:

- Public Works will rent a machine to clean up Memorial Field and Cashman. He noted that this will only be a short term fix.
- A fence for Memorial Field has been ordered.
- All three docks at the Town Beach are broken. There was a suggestion of possibly using different hinges.
- The Fire Marshal has stated that WiFi at the Beach and the Zoom Flume cannot be plugged into an extension cord.
- There is a light at the Town Beach that needs to be fixed.
- There are some trees leaning over the shed at the Town Beach. There was a discussion of taking down the trees and there was a question as to whether or not these are state trees.

- There was a discussion of replacing the docks and the best kind of materials to use.
- There have been no recent issues at the bathrooms at Rebel Turf. There was a suggestion of possibly replacing the carpet in the entranceway by the bathrooms.
- The swim lane flags need to be replaced.
- Sand was delivered to the North Beach.

Director update

Fred Testor spoke of the possibility of installing lights at the basketball courts at the high school. These lights would most likely be on timers. Solar lights would not work since they can't be controlled. This project would have to go out to bid and also be approved by the Zoning Commission.

There was a discussion of replacing the food shack at the Town Beach. Suggestions included a pre-fabricated shed or possibly food trucks instead. The commission discussed the health rules and regulations if a kitchen were installed. It was decided to ask if the food truck from this year will return next year.

Sean Loughran noted that the town will be using the movie equipment for New Fairfield Family Day with the sound system and van free of charge. A town employee will be driving the van. There was a suggestion of having a checklist to make sure all equipment is returned whenever the movie equipment is rented out.

Mark Lamanna made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$850 for the painting of the lines on the basketball court at the high school. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Sean Loughran noted that there will be a Food Truck Festival on Sunday, October 14th. It was noted that since there are many sporting events on the lower lot that time of year, it should be on the upper high school lot.

The Parks and Rec Commission will host the Great Light Flight (Christmas light contest) on December 6th. The rain/snow date will be December 13th. Three judges are needed for this. There is no fee to enter this contest but participants must register ahead of time.

Executive Session

Sean Loughran made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:09pm to discuss a personnel issue. Gary Remley seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Gary Remley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:18pm. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

Mark Lamanna seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**