

*NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, March 13, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden

Members Absent: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Gary Remley, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

Guests: Girl Scout Troop 50866

**Call to Order-** Mark Lamanna called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Public Comment-** Girl Scout Troop 50866 approached the commission to ask permission to build a helmet and bat holder and home and away signs at Memorial Field. This would be for the dugout on both sides with the installation and expense of the holder to be provided by GS Troop 42. The girls showed pictures of similar projects in other towns and noted that this rack can be taken down in the winter.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the request of Girl Scout Troop 50866 to build and a bat and helmet holder and home and away signs at Memorial Field. The Parks and Rec commission will provide storage for this during the winter. Jim Ogden seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Approval of Minutes**

January 9, 2017

Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Chairman Comments-** None

**Building and Grounds update**

Mike Ellenberg spoke of the commission getting prepared to open the bathrooms at Rebel Turf. It is hopeful that they will be open in time for the Lacrosse Jamboree on March 24th. It was noted that water will not be tested by then so the water will not be drinkable. The automatic locks will be installed by then.

**Director's update**

Linda Lull noted that there have been six commitments to rent the movie screen this summer. Bethel and Newtown has committed for twice this summer each and Patterson, NY and Weston have each committed to rent once this summer.

Linda Lull spoke of a request she received from a group looking for a place to play Pickle Ball. There was a discussion of whether or not this would best be played indoors or outdoors. If it is played in the gym, special tape must be used to outline the lines and it must be removed each time. There was a brief discussion of whether or not the Parks and Rec commission would advertise for this and if a fee would be charged. It was decided to invite this group to the next commission meeting in April in order to get more information.

### **Kayak Rack at Town Beach**

Linda Lull noted that the kayak rentals are available on April 3<sup>rd</sup> on a first come, first serve basis. It is expected that all 45 slots will be rented. There was a discussion of the need for an additional rack and the cost to construct one. It was decided that Public Works will purchase the materials for the Kayak rack.

Jim Ogden made a motion to spend up to \$975.00 for the construction of one kayak rack at the Town Beach identical to the existing one. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Milfoil removal**

Mike Ellenberg noted that the First Selectman was waiting for a permit for the Solitude proposal for milfoil remediation. There will be more information about this at the next month's meeting.

### **Summer positions**

Linda Lull spoke of some open positions for the summer. Interviews for these positions will be done in April. Summer camp will be held from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a camp at Great Hollow for two weeks in August. The Town Beach will be open the same hours as last year.

### **Food vendor**

Town Purchasing Agenda Patty Mota is putting out an RFP for a food vendor for the Town Beach. There was a discussion of back up plans. Suggestions included selling packaged foods such as chips, water, etc, offering space to groups in town that wish to fundraise, or putting a vending machine in the Beach House.

### **Town Marina**

Mike Ellenberg spoke of quotes for welding of the docks at the marina. The quotes range from \$1,300 to \$3,240.00. This has already been approved for up to \$2,000.00.

The shed has been delivered for the Town Beach. The camera system will be installed for a price of \$9,750.00.

There was a discussion of the possibility of putting picnic tables at the marina. It was suggested that First Light be called before doing this.

**Adjournment**- Jim Ogden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**