

**NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 11, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden, Gary Remley, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Sean Loughran (Chairman)

Town official present: Linda Lull, Parks and Recreation Director

Guests: None

**Call to Order-** Mark Lamanna called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

**Public Comment-** None

**Approval of Minutes-** Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

**Vote: All in favor**

**Director's update**

**Haunting on the Hollow**

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull noted that Haunting on the Hollow will be held on Friday and Saturday nights from Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Patrons will go directly to Great Hollow and there will be no buses this year. Volunteers are needed to direct parking and for ticket sales. Tickets will be sold the day of the event at Great Hollow and can be purchased online.

There was a discussion of parking at Great Hollow and a discussion of other venues. Linda Lull spoke of the Haunting in New Milford and the logistics of their trail. Tents will be used for some items. There was a discussion of town rules and regulations for tents and adhering to fire codes.

**Turkey Run**

The Turkey Run will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and will be sponsored by HART transit trolley. Linda Lull is reaching out to businesses in town to get sponsors.

**Pavilion at the Turf Field**

Linda Lull spoke of vandalism and some issues with the bathrooms at Rebel Turf. The First Selectman has called a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Buildings and

Grounds to discuss this problem for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in her office. Commission members were encouraged to attend.

It was noted that Parks and Rec pays for the cleaning, maintenance and heating bill for the pavilion. There was a discussion of whether or not other groups should contribute to this cost. There was a discussion of what groups use the pavilion and how other towns handle this situation. There was a suggestion of having better monitoring in order to curb vandalism.

### **Playground**

More wood chips are needed for the playground. Fred Testor will check into this.

### **Drive-In movies**

There is a possibility that a new generator will be needed for the outdoor movie theater. Mike Ellenberg will look into this.

### **Buildings and Grounds update**

The catwalks at the South Beach need to be repaired and some areas need to be replaced. Mike Ellenberg will get estimates for a replacement cost. There was a brief discussion of swim team enrollment and whether or not it is worth it to replace docks.

Jim Ogden made a motion to spend an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for C&D Diving to replace and repair chains on the docks at the Town Beach. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

**Vote: All in favor**

### **Beach House**

Fred Testor spoke of different options to refurbish and rebuild the Beach House. He showed rough drawings and possible estimates. There was a suggestion of replacing the Beach House in stages.

There was a discussion of the Town Beach with suggestions of possibly making the North Beach a recreation area (volleyball, games, etc.) and keeping the South Beach as a beach. There was a brief discussion of paving the upper parking lot at the Town Beach. It was decided not to do this project at this time but will discuss this at a meeting in the near future.

### **Field Fees**

Steve Burfeind spoke of field fees especially indoor use such as the pool and gyms. It was noted that some groups were given a discount rate of 25% of the established rate. It was noted that the Field Fees committee met and discussed gradually increasing the rate that these group pay in order to get them closer to what other groups pay. The commission asked for the following information:

- What have they paid in the past?
- How many hours did they use the facilities?
- What expenses does the Board of Education incur for these groups?

**Adjournment**- Jim Ogden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**