

*NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, October 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Jim Ogden and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Gary Remley and Fred Testor

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

Guests: None

**Call to Order**- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

September 11, 2017

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting as presented. Jim Ogden seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Chairman Comments**

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that tree work has been done at the Town Beach by the docks. There have been some complaints about darkness in the parking lot at the Town Beach. Some boards on the docks were fixed.

Sean Loughran noted that the docks will need to be replaced eventually as they are original docks and are very old.

**Buildings and Grounds update**- None

**Director update**

Haunting on the Hollow- Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull noted that the first weekend of Haunting on the Hollow was a great success and thanked everyone that helped. There is a need for additional volunteers to help park cars for upcoming weekends.

Parks and Rec Summer Camp- Linda Lull noted that she received an email from the High School Athletic Director Mary Stolle noting that an indoor soccer goal was broken. The replacement cost for this is approximately \$800. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not the summer camp kids use this goal. Linda Lull will speak with the Camp Director Joe Knapp to see if it was used by the summer camp. It was decided that if the goal was used by the summer camp that Parks and Rec would offer to pay for half of the replacement cost. If it wasn't used, Linda Lull will speak with Mrs. Stolle.

Tree at Dog Park- Linda Lull noted that she received an email from Michaela Magrino about the possibility of donating a tree to the Dog Park. There was a suggestion of possibly asking for a bench instead. It was decided that the commission is fine with a tree as long as the Public Works Director agrees.

Turkey Run- The Turkey Run will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Linda Lull asked the commission members to send her a list of everyone in their family that will be able to help and their respective T-shirt sizes.

Holiday Light Parade- The Holiday Light Parade will be held on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> with a rain/snow date of Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Linda Lull noted that she will not be able to attend but her assistant; Jane Stagno will be in attendance. There was a brief discussion of where to line up for the parade and it decided that it should remain the same as last year. The commission will discuss possible changes for next year.

### **Subcommittee reports**

#### **Boat docks**

Chains have been replaced at the boat docks and clips have been replaced.

#### **Beach House and Town Beach repairs**

Steps need to be replaced at the Town Beach. Brush needs to be cleared out on North Beach. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of have a special Parks and Rec meeting to discuss needs specific to the Town Beach and the possibility of Parks and Rec hiring its own company.

There was a discussion of possibly leaving the Town Beach open after hours with no staff. Linda Lull will look into the details of this and the liability.

#### **Fields**

The Field Fees committee will meet next week. It was noted that the new turf field at the high school needs to be accepted by the Town.

#### **Rebel Turf Field**

Jim Ogden asked about handicap access at the Rebel Turf field. Linda Lull will check with Director of Buildings and Grounds Phil Ross about this.

#### **Rebel Turf building use and cleaning**

It was decided to leave the Rebel Turf building open for the Turkey Run and to possibly close it on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Capital projects**

There was a brief discussion of capital projects. It was decided that the commission will compile a list of items at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**