

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

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

Members Absent: Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna and Fred Testor

Town official present: Linda Lull, Parks and Recreation Director

Guests: None

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

Public Comment- None

Chairman's Comments- Sean Loughran noted that the next Parks and Rec meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th instead of Monday, January 8th due to a conflict with the Board of Education meeting. The meeting scheduled for Monday, November 12th will be held Wednesday, November 14th due to Veterans' Day.

Approval of Minutes- Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Jim Odgen seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor

Buildings and Grounds update- None

Director update

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull thanked the commission and everyone that helped with the Holiday Light parade. There was a discussion of ways to improve for next year and it was suggested that the route go on Saw Mill Road. There was a suggestion of more lights at the gazebo. A thank you email was sent to the Parks and Rec commission from St. Edward's church.

Linda Lull noted that she met with First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and discussed suggestions for events in town. There was a discussion of having an outdoor concert and possible venues. There was a discussion of the need to have Public Works help with certain events.

The commission discussed the possibility of the following events:

- Sip and Stroll- This event would be similar to New Fairfield Day. Participants would receive a map and a special sipping glass and go to different businesses in town. It was decided to have this on Saturday, May 12th from 4pm to 8pm with a rain date of Saturday, May 19th. It was suggested that this may be combined with a free concert in town.
- Celebrate Christmas in July- Participants would decorate their boats with Christmas lights and music. Viewers can view this from the Town Beach. It was decided to give a poll to see if there is any interest in this.
- Bands at the old Creamery next to the Senior Center- There was a discussion of having this at Veteran's Park. There was a suggestion of possibly combining this with the Sip and Stroll.
- The Great Christmas/Holiday Light Fight of New Fairfield- This will be done in December. There was a discussion of possible prizes for this.
- New Fairfield Lobster Feast- It was noted that this event is very successful in New Milford. There was a discussion of the logistics of this event and it was suggested that it would best be done in June.

Boat slip fees and Day Camp fees- It was decided that the fees will stay the same as last year.

Beach passes

There was a discussion of the beach and the fact that there is a drop in the amount of passes that are sold for the summer. The board discussed ways to sell more passes and there was a discussion of whether or not more passes would be sold if the price was lowered.

Camp enrollment and dates

The commission noted that enrollment for day camp has decreased in the last couple of years. There was a suggestion of putting out a survey to parents to get ideas for ways to increase enrollment. Jim Ogden volunteered to compile a potential survey.

Outdoor Cinema equipment

Linda Lull noted that the speakers for the outdoor cinema need to be repaired.

Tom Edwards made a motion to spend an amount not to exceed \$200.00 for the repair of the two speakers on the outdoor cinema equipment. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor

There was a discussion of the policy for using the outdoor cinema equipment. It was noted that as of now, there is no policy. It was decided that going forward, any users of the outdoor cinema equipment will have to sign the sign out sheet in the Parks and Recreation office.

Rebel Turf building- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Capital Budget

The commission discussed capital projects for fiscal years 2019-2023 which included boat dock replacements, beach house replacement, lights on the field/court, fields/facilities fund and the paving of the parking lot at the beach and the boat launch. The commission reviewed approximate costs of these projects. Sean Loughran will revise the plan that will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen on January 2nd.

Waterfront Beach House

The Board of Selectmen has asked to see the plans for this project.

Spring work clean up at the Town Beach

Linda Lull will compile a list of what needs to be done at the Town Beach.

Parking attendant at Town Beach

There was a discussion of the parking situation at the Town Beach on weekends in the summer. There is especially a need for an attendant when Squantz Pond is filled to capacity. Linda Lull noted that this will be discussed with the Board of Selectmen. First Selectmen Pat Del Monaco will check with the State to see if any solutions can be found for the parking situation at Squantz Pond.

Adjournment- Jim Ogden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**