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**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, July 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Mike Ellenberg, Jim Ogden, Gary Remley, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Tom Edwards and Mark Lamanna

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

Guests: None

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Fred Testor noted that his term recently expired and did not vote on any motions.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Mike Ellenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2016 special meeting as presented. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-2 (Steve Burfeind and Gary Remley abstained)

Chairman's Comments

Milfoil remediation

There was a discussion of the milfoil at the Town Beach and specifically a new vendor for remediation and the process and the price.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the cost of the milfoil remediation at the Town Beach not to exceed the price paid for last year's contracted price. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Benches at Memorial Field

Mike Ellenberg spoke of new metal benches for Memorial Field 2 and spoke of two possible vendors. The wooden benches will be removed.

Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the purchase of two benches at Memorial Field 2 at a price not to exceed \$1,800.00 including shipping. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Director's Report

The Town Beach has been closed on various days due to Blue/Green Algae. Some residents have asked for a refund for swim lessons for classes that have not yet begun.

There was a discussion of parking at the Town Beach for residents and non-residents. Currently, non-residents must pay \$40/day to park at the Town Beach. There was a brief discussion of the price for non-residents to enter the Town Beach. It was decided to discuss this further for next year.

Haunting at the Hollow

Linda Lull spoke of the Haunting at the Hollow that will be held October 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th and a rain date of October 29th. The Parks and Rec department will start to advertise soon and will need volunteers. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and belong to a group.

There was a suggestion of putting a short video on the website to give patrons a quick idea of what the Haunting at the Hollow is about. The recommended age for this event is 13 and over. Tickets can be bought online. Volunteer groups can contact the Parks and Rec Department to sell food if desired.

Outdoor movies

The movie Inside Out will be at Memorial Field this Friday, July 15th.

Consolidated School would like to have a movie night in September. Linda Lull noted that the only challenge with this is that many of the technicians are college students that are not available in September.

Great Hollow would like to hold a movie night. Since Great Hollow has not charged the Parks and Rec Department for the two weeks of camp in August or the Haunting on the Hollow, the commission has decided to offer them the movie equipment at cost. (Same offer as Consolidated School).

Waterfront

There was a discussion of the platform for the slide at the Town Beach. It was noted that any purchase over \$3,000 would require 3 quotes. Mike Ellenberg noted that he was only able to get one quote on this project. He will inquire with Town of New Fairfield Purchasing Agent Patty Mota about this procedure. It was decided to put the slide up without a platform if it cannot be completed within two weeks. A new pump may be needed in order to inflate this slide.

New sand is needed at the beach. It was decided that this will be a priority for next year.

Trees will be taken down at the Town Beach. This will be done in the morning before the beach opens.

Boat shed

The lowest bidder for this project is Barn Yard. It is estimated that this project will take about six weeks.

Beach House

Fred Testor noted that he received the plans from the architect and would like to give a presentation to the BOS, BOF and the Parks and Rec Commission in the near future.

Memorial Field

There was a brief discussion of the pitcher's mound at Memorial Field and noted that the contractor came out four times but the project is still not complete.

Field Fees

Sean Loughran noted that the Field Fees committee added the Lower Rebel Turf field to the Field Fees agreement. They will discuss and vote on this agreement at a future meeting.

Adjournment- Mike Ellenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)