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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, May 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards (arrived 7:24pm), Gary Remley and Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Mike Ellenberg, Mike Evans and Mark Lamanna

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull and Jeff Main and Ron Statler from Groovin' in New Fairfield

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2015 special meeting as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion approved- Chris Van Steen abstained- Tom Edwards arrived late and did not vote on this motion)

Groovin' in New Fairfield

Jeff Main and Ron Statler from Groovin' in New Fairfield spoke of a Groovin' in New Fairfield show to be held at the Town Beach on Saturday, July 18th. It was noted that the beach was closed last year for an entire weekend due to the set up of the equipment and there was a discussion of ways to avoid that happening again this year. It was decided to close the beach at 3pm on Friday, July 17th. The cost for the performers is approximately \$800 and it was decided to have Parks and Rec split this cost with Groovin' in New Fairfield.

In the event of rain, the event will be held at the Senior Center.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$400 for performers for Groovin' in New Fairfield at the Town Beach on Saturday, July 18th. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Chairman Comments

The docks are fixed at the marina.

The Beach House and the bathrooms at Rebel Turf are fixed. Bob Rzasa will file an insurance claim and it is hopeful that they can be combined into one insurance claim.

Some trees were taken down at the south beach at the Town Beach and some other trees were trimmed.

The basketball court will be paved soon.

Director's update

Linda Lull noted that:

- More sand is needed at the south beach and there should be a bigger beach area.
- The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Town Garden will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00pm at 74 Gillotti Road.
- A part-time resident wants to participate in Candlewood clean up, but would need the use of a boat slip for the night of May 15th. The commission agreed that they would find an empty slip for this one night.
- Bethel will rent the movie equipment twice this summer. Woodbury would also like to rent the movie equipment but there is some concern regarding the condition of the truck. There was a discussion of the possibility of replacing this truck with another used truck. There was a suggestion of possibly renting a truck when needed but then there would be a need for someplace to store the equipment. It was decided that the commission will look for a used truck.
- First Selectman Susan Chapman will be meeting with Nathan Hale from Squantz Pond about the possibility of using Squantz Pond for movie night without a charge.
- Two Water Safety Instructors would like to return this year but need to renew their certifications. The cost to renew is \$500.00 each. There was a brief discussion of the rules and parameters for recertification. It was noted that Parks and Rec has already advertised that the Water Safety Instructors are Red Cross trained. There was a suggestion of possibly asking the WSIs to pay a portion of the fee but it was ultimately decided to have Parks and Rec pay for the renewal for this year. For next year, the commission will not advertise that instructors are Red Cross certified.

Water Safety Instructors- Fred Testor made a motion to have the Parks and Rec Commission pay up to \$1,000 for the renewal of certification for two Water Safety Instructors prior to the beginning of summer 2015. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Slip and Slide at Town Beach

Fred Testor showed pictures of the Slip & Slide for the Town Beach. It was decided to put this at the south side of the Town Beach. It is hopeful that this will be installed by Kayak Day on June 27th.

Fred Testor made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,500 for a 30 foot Slip and Slide at the Town Beach as long as a suitable spot is available. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Rebel Turf

Steve Burfeind noted that there have been two rentals of Rebel Turf. This will supplement the cost of repairs needed to the field.

Steve Burfeind spoke of the reserve account to resurface the track and the tennis courts. There will be a separate account set up where both the school and the town will contribute \$10,000 each to go towards the resurfacing. There was a discussion of having a line item for tennis and track.

Capital projects

There was a discussion of small to medium capital projects that need to be done. It was decided that it would be a priority to do the pavilion at the playground first and then lights at the basketball court.

Fred Testor will check with the Lions Club to see if they would be willing to pay for the pavilion at the playground.

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)