

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards (arrived 7:18pm), Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen (arrived 7:28pm),

Members Absent: Mike Evans and Gary Remley

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

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

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Mark Lamanna made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Fred Testor seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved- Tom Edwards and Chris Van Steen arrived late and did not vote on this item.)**

Chairman's Comments- Chairman Sean Loughran noted that the weeds have been pulled from the docks at the Town Beach and the lines have been painted at the basketball court at the high school.

Director's update

Outdoor cinema

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted that the rental of the cinema equipment to Woodbury was successful. There is a possibility of renting to other area towns and there was a discussion of getting the equipment to these towns. The Parks and Rec commission previously voted to purchase a used truck for this purpose but there is difficulty in finding a reliable used truck. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of renting a truck specifically for this purpose and it was decided to rent a truck for the next movie rental in Bethel and see how it works. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Parking fee at the Town Beach

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted that there is a parking problem at the Town Beach especially on weekends. Currently the fee for non-residents to use the Town Beach is \$25/day to park and \$10 per person to enter the beach. It was noted that many non-residents have been parking at the Town Beach and walking to Squantz Pond. There was a lengthy discussion of the dangers of this and the crowds at Squantz Pond. There was a discussion of whether or not this problem would be mitigated if the parking fee at the Town Beach was raised to \$40/day.

Sean Loughran made a motion to charge a parking fee of \$40/day (up from \$25/day) and an entrance fee rate of \$10 per person per day for non New Fairfield residents at the Town Beach for the remainder of the 2015 season. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-2-0 (Motion approved-Tom Edwards, Fred Testor and Mark Lamanna in favor, Steve Burfeind and Mike Ellenberg opposed. Chris Van Steen arrived late and did not vote on this item.)

Lifeguard training class

Linda Lull noted that two Water Safety Instructors did not renew their certification on time and thus there was a fee to pay for the recertification through the Red Cross. There was a discussion of whether or not it was necessary for the Water Safety Instructors to be Red Cross trained. It was decided to have an outside person train the WSIs and give an incentive of a higher hourly rate to lifeguards that are trained as WSIs.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to allow up to 5 lifeguards to take the lifeguard training class in the spring of 2016. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Steve Burfeind made a motion to amend the previous motion to read “allow an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000.00 for lifeguards to take the swim instruction training class in the spring of 2016.” Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote to amend motion: 7-0-0- Motion approved

Vote on motion as amended: 7-0-0- Motion approved

Subcommittee reports

The Outdoor Adventure camp is currently in the second week. There were 20 campers the first week and 30 campers the second week.

Kayak/Paddle Board day will be held on Saturday, August 29th from 10am to 2pm.

There was a brief discussion of sound equipment and cameras for the Turkey Run. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The construction at Rebel Turf is completed.

Town officials reviewed the proposed Gazebo/Pavilion at the playground and have no issues. It was noted that the Buildings and Grounds Department is not comfortable with doing the installation themselves. The cost to have an outside company install this is approximately \$9,000 for installation and an additional \$5,000 to have the slab poured. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Adjournment- Mike Ellenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)