

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 2015
6:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM AT 33 ROUTE 37

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Fred Testor and Chris Van Steen

Members Absent: Steve Burfeind, Mike Evans, Mark Lamanna and Gary Remley

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull and Director of Buildings and Grounds Bobby Rzasa

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Chris Van Steen seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Chairman Comments- Chairman Sean Loughran noted that an email was sent to the commission members regarding their respective jobs for the Tree Lighting and the Turkey Run.

The Selectmen voted in agreement with the Parks and Rec Commission to increase the non-resident parking fee at the Town Park.

Director's Report

Community Garden- Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted that the Selectmen voted at their September 10th meeting to add 9 plots at the Community Garden for a total of 21 plots. This was mentioned to the insurance company. All plots have been rented.

Santa's Workshop- Linda Lull noted that the Parks and Rec commission would like to hand out books from Santa again this year at Santa's Workshop.

Mike Ellenberg made a motion to spend up to \$400.00 out of the 205 account for books to distribute at Santa's Workshop.

Holiday Light parade- The Booster Club will supply hot chocolate at the Holiday Light parade.

Walking track- Linda Lull noted that since the school track is now closed to the public during school hours, she has received many calls about the possibility of putting in a walking path. Linda Lull suggested putting a walking path on Memorial Field that would be similar to the walking path at the

Sherman Park. This path would be made of gravel. There was a brief discussion of putting an edging on the path so that the gravel stones won't encroach on the grass.

Marina- Mike Ellenberg volunteered to look into putting a light at the dock to deter theft and vandalism at the dock.

Fred Testor made a motion that the commission spend up to \$4,000 to fix the chains on the marina docks. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Softball- Linda Lull noted that a group approached her about starting a Women's softball team. They will play on Sundays after 3pm.

Kayak Day- Approximately 90 people attended Kayak Day at the Town Beach on August 29th. Ski Haus sold five kayaks. It was suggested that this be held twice next year.

Sound equipment- There was a discussion of purchasing a sound system to use for various events. Fred Testor will look into this and get prices.

Outdoor Cinema- There was a discussion of renting the outdoor cinema equipment to other towns. It was noted that the truck that is currently used for hauling the equipment is very old and could potentially cause problems. There was a discussion of possibly purchasing a trailer to haul this equipment. The commission also discussed purchasing a truck for this purpose. It was noted that renting a truck is not a possibility since there is a 24 hour rental limit and there is also a need for a place to store the equipment. It was decided to get more information regarding this.

Gazebo- Fred Testor noted that no decision has been made yet regarding the gazebo at the playground.

New Fairfield Day- It was decided that the commission will have a table at New Fairfield Day this Saturday, September 19th.

Lacrosse Field- Fred Testor noted that approximately \$70,000 has already been raised for the proposed Lacrosse Field. Approximately \$120,000 to \$130,000 will be needed for this project. There was a discussion of who will replace the field in ten years when needed. There was a suggestion of raising the field fees for this specific group to raise money for this project. The group has asked the Parks and Rec commission to make a donation towards this project. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Adjournment- Fred Testor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)