

**NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards (arrived 8:11pm), Gary Remley and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

**Call to Order**- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:18pm.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**- Fred Testor made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion approved- Gary Remley abstained)**

**Chairman Comments**

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that Commission member Mike Evans has resigned from the commission due to lack of time. Anyone is interested in filling this position should contact the Selectmen's office.

**Buildings and Grounds**

- There is a mound of dirt that will be used for Komlo Field

**Director's Report**

**Haunting on the Hill**

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted that she spoke with the production company for "Haunting on the Hill" regarding having the Haunting Halloween trail at Hidden Valley for multiple nights in October 2016. This would have to be planned starting in February 2016. There was a brief discussion of possibly using another venue in New Fairfield, the cost sharing with Haunting Productions and the specific age group that this would be targeted to.

**Parks and Rec Programs**

Linda Lull noted that she received a request from a parent of a special needs child asking that Parks and Rec offer more programs for special needs children. Linda Lull noted that Middle

School Music Teacher Emre Akter will offer a music program for special needs at the library beginning in November. The charge for this program is \$120.00 per participant with a split of 70% for the town and 30% for the employee.

Linda Lull suggested possibly having a STEM program at the library similar to the program that was held at Danbury Library.

New Fairfield Library Program Director Janet Caiola will send some suggestions to the Parks and Rec Commission for programs.

#### Truck for Outdoor Cinema equipment

The commission had previously discussed purchasing a trailer to haul the equipment for the Outdoor Cinema for rentals to other towns. It was noted that the First Selectman did not recommend purchasing a trailer. There was a brief discussion of renting a truck when needed but it was noted that there may be a limit of 24 hours for rentals and would also cause a problem of not having a place to store the equipment when not in use.

The commission discussed the possibility of not doing movie rentals until the dilemma of the truck and the hauling of equipment can be solved.

#### Turkey Run

Approximately 150-160 runners have signed up for the Turkey Run so far this year. This is comparable to this time last year. There cutoff date in order to get a t-shirt is October 23<sup>rd</sup> but there was a discussion of possibly extending the date until the following week. The shirts will be sold the day of the race for \$15. There was a discussion of the price for the run and whether or not it should be structured differently in future years.

Linda Lull noted that “Yes, Grace Rocks” has asked to have a group run at the Turkey Run and will collect donations on top of the money that the Parks and Rec commission makes on the race. This group will handle all the work regarding these extra donations.

#### Holiday Light Parade

The Holiday Light Parade will be held on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

HART Transit will give trolley rides and the three wine shops in town will be offering wine tastings at their shops. There will be a children’s entertainer at the library community room. Bell ringers will also be present.

Trophies have been ordered for winners for the Holiday parade float.

Pirates Pride will build a float for the Holiday parade.

### **Gazebo**

Fred Testor noted that he spoke with Public Works Director Bobby Rzasas and it was noted that the Public Works Department may be able to do the installation of the new gazebo after all. The price to have it installed is approximately \$14,000 with the pad or \$9,000 with no pad. There was a discussion of other towns and how they installed their gazebos and the average cost. It was noted that the full installation cost is only slightly above the original budgeted amount. It is hopeful that this project will be completed by May or June 2016.

### **Beach House**

The sign at the Beach House needs to be redone.

There was a discussion of building a platform for the zoom flume at the beach.

There was a suggestion of putting an all weather ping pong table at the town beach.

There was a discussion of moving or replacing the playground at the Town Beach.

### **Returning summer employees**

The postings for the summer jobs will be available online in either December or January. Everyone must reapply for summer jobs.

**Adjournment**- Steve Burfeind made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)**