

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
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**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Mike Ellenberg, Gary Remley and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Tom Edwards, 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 7:00pm.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**- Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2015 special meeting as presented. Fred Testor seconded the motion.

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

**Chairman Comments**

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that there is a vacancy on the commission. Anyone interested should send a letter to the Selectmen's office.

Chairman Sean Loughran noted that First Selectmen Susan Chapman would like to meet with the commission to discuss the truck situation for the drive-in movies. Sean Loughran noted that he spoke with Selectman Kim Hanson and it was noted that the town also uses the equipment frequently. The sound system is also used for the Turkey Run and Tree Lighting. There was a brief discussion of purchasing a van for transportation of the equipment.

**Buildings and Grounds update**

The replacement of the chains for arm 4 at the docks is scheduled for the spring.

**Director Update**

**Turkey Run**

Linda Lull sent out the job assignments to the commission members for the Turkey Run to be held on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shirts are included for runners that pre register by a certain date and will also be sold at the day of the race.

### **Turkey Run (con't)**

Kicks Radio station will be at the Turkey Run. There was a brief discussion of where they should set up. Medals will be given out as prizes for the kid's race.

To date, approximately 350 runners have registered. No groups have asked to sell products as of yet.

### **Tree Lighting & Holiday Parade**

The Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> with a rain/snow date of Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The high school choir will be singing. Mike Ellenberg will speak to the owners of "Gourmet to Go- Events Catering" to see if want to set up a table at the Tree Lighting. There was a brief discussion of lighting for the event. Groovin' in New Fairfield will provide Holiday Music. There is also the possibility of "Little Brays of Sunshine" attending. This is a group with little donkeys that would allow for taking pictures.

Linda Lull will check on the parking for this event.

### **Haunted Trail**

There was a discussion of the possibility of having a Haunted Trail for Halloween 2016. This would be held for two nights with a rain date. The cost to run a shuttle bus for this event would be \$395.00. There was a discussion of safety issues for this event.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Playground at the Beach**- Fred Testor showed a picture of a possible new playground for the town beach. There was a discussion of putting it up higher on the grass near the snack shop. This would make more room at the South beach.

### **Playground**

Fred Testor noted that there has been a request for additional picnic tables and benches at the playground. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of getting these and of a possible fundraiser for this.

**Heat at bathroom at Rebel Turf**- The bathrooms at Rebel Turf will be closed for the season sometime during the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Adjournment**- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion.

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