

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, December 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

NEW FAIRFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Mike Ellenberg, Mark Lamanna, Jim Ogden, Gary Remley and Fred Testor

Members Absent: Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull

Guests: John Hodge

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

Public comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Fred Testor made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015 special meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-2 (Motion approved- Mark Lamanna and Jim Ogden abstained)

Chairman's comments

Chairman Sean Loughran:

- Welcomed new commission member Jim Ogden.
- Will discuss the Capital Plan at tonight's meeting
- Spoke of fees for Day Camp
- Letters for Boat slips will be going out soon.

Beach concession stand

Mike Ellenberg spoke of the snack shack at the Town beach. Appliances have been taken out and the floor is rotted and needs to be replaced. The cost to replace the floor would be approximately \$2,000.00. There was a discussion of the best option for the snack shack and there was a concern about temporarily fixing it. Some suggestions included a pre fabricated building or possibly an outside kitchen and pavilion. Mike Ellenberg will contact the Building Inspector to find out options. It was suggested that the Beach House plans be presented to the Board of Selectmen. It was decided to present the plans to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission first.

Portable stage

John Hodge approached the commission regarding the possibility of purchasing the stage from the commission that is used for various Parks and Recreation events. This stage has 16 sections and 25 legs

Mark Lamanna made a motion to sell the portable stage for \$2,000 with a contingency that the commission can borrow it subject to availability. Mike Ellenberg seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull reported on the following:

- New Life Church will no longer be offering the free movies. A small profit from previous events was given to the Parks and Rec department.
- Company A Firehouse has approved the Haunted House for October 2016. This will be held one weekend with a rain date.
- Spoke of the Town Beach sign. The commission will discuss what should be on the sign at the next meeting.
- Boat slips price: \$1275.00 plus tax was \$1355.96. Last year, a \$50.00 discount was given to anyone that paid on or before February 27th. Jet skis are \$600.00 plus tax was \$638.00. Anyone who paid on or before February 27th received a \$25.00 discount.
- The commission decided to keep the price for Day Camp the same as last year at \$155/week. It was decided to keep the swim team fees and the beach passes the same price.
- Summer positions will be posted on Wednesday, December 16th. It was noted that minimum wage is going up to \$9.60 in 2016. The two waterfront directors will be returning this year. The Day camp director will let the director know their plans soon.
- The Turkey Run held on November 22nd had 522 runners, 59 walkers and 60 kids for the Fun run. There was a discussion of ways to improve on the Turkey Run for next year. There was a discussion of ordering a new banner for the run. It was noted that it should have slits on it. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of taking credit cards at the race for sign ups and t-shirts. It was suggested using a square for credit cards. A total of 21 shirts were sold at the race. There was a discussion of music and it was noted that the race was advertised on the radio. Mark Lamanna will get speakers for the race in the future. Jim Ogden will check into prices for timers for the race.
- Santa's Workshop was held on Saturday, November 28th and 280 kids attended. 79 kids did not reserve ahead of time. 10 families that signed up did not attend. The commission suggested getting bigger trophies for next year. There was a brief discussion of a child with a minor injury from the hot water for the hot chocolate. It was also decided to have another speaker across the street for next year.

The commission thanked Linda for all her hard work with both the Turkey Run and the Light parade. Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull thanked Parks and Rec employees Kelly Ferris and Judy Bradley for all their hard work with both events.

Capital projects

Sean Loughran presented the commission with a list of Capital projects for the fiscal years 2017-2021. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). The commission discussed the capital projects and the cost of each. It was noted that the gazebo should be completed at the playground before June.

There was a lengthy discussion of the drive-in movies and the truck needed to transport the equipment. A truck is especially needed if the town allows other towns to rent the equipment. It was noted that the town usually rents the equipment two or three times a year with a profit of approximately \$1,000 each. There was a discussion of whether or not the commission should continue to hold drive-in movies.

Fred Testor made a motion to approve the Capital projects multi-year forecast for fiscal years 2017-2021 as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)

Boat slips

There was a discussion of the boat slips and whether or not smaller boats can be moved to the inside slips. There was a discussion of who would be affected by this. Linda Lull will bring the waiting list to the next meeting for further discussion.

Zoom flume

It was decided that there will be a discussion of the Zoom flume located at the Town Beach.

Adjournment- Mike Ellenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. Fred Testor seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0 (Motion approved)