

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM AT SENIOR CENTER**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Mark Lamanna (via phone) and, Jim Odgen.

**Members Absent:** Ken Bennett, Tom Edwards, Chris Van Steen and Terra Volpe

**Town official present:** Director of Parks and Recreation Linda Lull (via phone)

**Guests:** Kevin Hearty and Tom Pardalis

**Call to Order-** Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. No quorum was reached so an informal discussion was held with no votes taken.

**Girl's Softball**

Kevin Hearty and Tom Pardalis spoke of the Girl's Softball program in town and noted that there is a lot of interest in the program. They spoke of the need for better equipment and upkeep of the fields. It was noted that the Parks and Rec Commission may be able to help maintain the facilities. It was suggested that the softball program contact the Community Service Club to see if there are any funds available.

**RecTrak**

Linda Lull noted that the current version of the software used by the Parks and Rec Department is no longer supported and must be upgraded to the cloud version. The fees associated with this upgrade include a \$4,200 migration fee, \$6,885 annual fee and \$4,500 maintenance fee. This will be discussed further at the next regular Parks and Rec meeting in January.

**Pay rates for seasonal employees**

There was a discussion of pay rates for seasonal employees and specifically how the rates are affected by the increase in minimum wage to \$14.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2022. It was suggested that lifeguards and camp counselors are paid the minimum wage plus 25 cent per hour for each year they have worked. There was a discussion about the rate for cinema directors, parking attendants, camp directors and water front directors and it was noted that they should be receiving a certain amount over the other employees. This will be discussed and decided at the next regular Parks and Rec meeting.

**2021 Holiday events**

The Turkey Run, Drive thru Santa and Holiday Light Parade were all very successful and well attended. There are approximately 15 houses registered for the Holiday Light Display. A list is available in the Parks and Rec office. There will be no contest or prizes this year.

**Future events**

The Sip and Stroll will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

**Adjournment**- Steve Burfeind made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Jim Ogden seconded the motion- **All in favor**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Suzanne Kloos**

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