

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
7:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Gary Remley, and Terra Volpe.

Members Absent: Mark Lamanna, Jim Odgen and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Director of Parks and Recreation Linda Lull

Guests: Kevin Hearty

Quintin Flowers read the rules and regulations for a virtual meeting.

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion- **Vote: All in favor**

Chairman's Comments

Sean Loughran noted gave an update on Buildings and Grounds:

- The playground will be fixed as soon as a part is received.
- The gate has been fixed at the marina.
- Seeds were replaced at Komlo Field
- The Fields Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 12th to discuss replacing Rebel Field and the track at the high school.

Director update

Parks and Recreation Director Linda Lull noted:

- Boat slip letters were sent out last week. A new gate reader was installed so boat slip owners will get new gate cards.
- An upgrade for Rec Trac is needed for the Parks and Rec department The cost is approximately \$10,000 which includes training for employees.

MOTION: Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 for the Rec Trac upgrade and maintenance. Terra Volpe seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Frisbee/Golf

There was a discussion of having a place for Frisbee/Golf. There was a suggestion of the having it on the trails behind Company A Firehouse or behind the historic houses behind the Senior Center. The course can either be 9 or 18 holes. The cost for this would be approximately \$500. It was decided to look for places once the weather is warmer.

Memorial Field

Girls' Softball

Sean Loughran spoke of the possibility of adding a shed and batting cage and pitching area to Memorial Field for softball. Kevin Hearty attended the meeting representing Girls' Softball and spoke of fields from surrounding towns. He noted that this program has been very popular recently but need better facilities. There was a suggestion of the Parks and Rec Commission members walking thru the fields to see exactly what is needed and where it should be held.

Upcoming Events

The Sip and Stroll is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st.

Applications have been sent out for summer positions.

Future Agenda Items

Fees for Day Camp and employee salaries will be discussed at the next regular Parks and Rec meeting.

There was a discussion about the status of the snack shack at the Town Beach. Linda Lull will get more information about this and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos