

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION***  
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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Tom Edwards, Jim Ogden (arrived 7:30pm) and Gary Remley

**Members Absent:** Ken Bennett, Mark Lamanna, Chris Van Steen and Terra Volpe.

**Town official present:** First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and Director of Parks and Recreation Linda Lull

**Guests:** Gordon Brown

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**

Steve Burfeind made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting with the correction that the price for Frisbee golf is \$500 per basket. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

**Vote: All in favor**

**Chairman's Comments**

Sean Loughran noted gave an update on Buildings and Grounds:

- The part to fixed the playground has been received and will be installed once the snow melts.
- Two new lifeguard chairs need to be ordered for the beach. The price for these are approximately \$2,500 each not including shipping. Linda Lull noted that the price may be reduced since the Town has an account with the company.
- Clay and sand will need to be ordered for the beach.

**Director update**

Linda Lull introduced New Fairfield resident Gordon Brown to speak about Frisbee Golf. Mr. Brown spoke of his experience with Frisbee Disc Golf and offered his help with setting up a course in New Fairfield. He gave a presentation of the process and costs for designing and maintaining a course. He noted that many people can use the course at a time and that the installation of the course is relatively inexpensive. It was noted that land needed for a course is approximately one acre per hole. There was a brief discussion of funding for this course and the possibility of fundraising for this.

### **Lifeguard chairs**

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the expenditure of life guard chairs and shipping in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

### **Summer employee salaries**

There was a discussion of the increase of Connecticut minimum wage to \$14 per hour effective July 1, 2022 and the policy of paying a premium to employees for length of service.

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve base rates for the following positions:

Camp Director- \$7.00 above minimum wage

Assistant Camp Director \$3.50 above minimum wage

Camp counselors at minimum wage

Jim Ogden seconded the motion- **Vote: All in favor**

Tom Edwards made a motion to pay all Parks and Recreation summer employees an additional 50 cents per hour for each year of longevity for a maximum of \$1.50 extra per hour. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Steve Burfeind made a motion to pay the Outdoor Cinema Lead Technician a base hourly rate of \$25 and to pay the Assistant Cinema Technician a base hourly rate of minimum wage. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

Tom Edwards made a motion to pay the following rates for waterfront employees:

Lifeguards- Minimum wage plus \$1 per hour.

Waterfront Safety Instructors- Minimum wage plus \$2 per hour.

Waterfront Director- Minimum wage plus \$6 per hour.

Substitute Waterfront Director- Minimum wage plus \$3 per hour.

Boat Attendants- Minimum wage.

Parking Attendants- Minimum wage plus \$6 per hour.

Steve Burfeind seconded the motion. **Vote: All in favor**

### **Frisbee Golf**

There was a discussion of possible locations for Frisbee Golf courses. There was a suggestion of visiting the course in Woodbury. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco suggested the possibility of the newly acquired land in the center of town behind Town Hall.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Director of Parks and Recreation Linda Lull noted she will not be available for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was a discussion of changing the date for this meeting which will be determined in the near future.

**Adjournment-** Tom Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Gary Remley seconded the motion- **All in favor**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos**