

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023
7:00 pm.
NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Tom Edwards, Katherina Fostano, Jim Keller, Gary Remley, and Terra Volpe

Members Absent: Mark Lamanna and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull via phone

Guests: Allison Morus representing New Fairfield Lacrosse parents

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

Public Comment

Allison Morus spoke on behalf of New Fairfield Lacrosse parents and asked for permission to refresh the snack shack near Rebel Turf. This refresh would include painting and building secure cabinets to store drinks and snacks. It was decided that the commission will look into this and get back to Ms. Morus.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Keller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Addition to the agenda

Jim Keller made a motion to approve add agenda item "Mulch at the playground". Tom Edwards seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Buildings and Grounds

Brush was cut by the Boat launch fence.

There was a brief discussion of the replacement for Rebel Turf. Jim Keller volunteered to help with this subcommittee if necessary.

There was a discussion of using the gyms at Meeting House Hill School for summer camp. This discussion included cleaning up the trail behind MHHS to allow for campers to go back and forth from MHHS to the high school campus. Linda Lull will ask Public Works to check on this.

Director's Report

Skate Park

Linda Lull and First Selectman Pat Del Monaco met to discuss a possible skate park in town. There was a suggestion of building this at the old Consolidated School spot. The estimated cost of this project is \$200,000 to \$300,000 and the size is approximately 6,000 to 8,000 square feet. The commission discussed this project, and it was noted that they would rather concentrate on building a Beach House at the Town Beach before building a skate park. It was also noted that it is best to wait until the school projects are completed and the location of the bus lot is decided.

Summer Lifeguards

Linda Lull spoke of the lack of lifeguards for this summer and approached the commission about the possibility of offering an incentive to reimburse potential lifeguards that take the Life Saving Class at the Brookfield YMCA. The cost for this class is \$500 per student. There was a discussion of the number of lifeguards that are needed and when to reimburse the lifeguards.

Tom Edwards made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 to offer an incentive for up to five students to take the lifeguard class at Brookfield YMCA. Such reimbursement will be given in two installments. Terra Volpe seconded the motion. **All in favor**

Summer staff

Linda Lull noted that offer letters for summer staff were sent.

Outdoor Cinema Director

A director is needed for the outdoor movies this summer. No applications have been received to date. Applicants must be 25 years or older.

Adult Volleyball

Linda Lull thanked Kimberly LaTourette for organizing the Adult Volleyball league.

Addressi Fencing

Terra Volpe made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for fences at the marina. Gary Remley seconded the motion. **All in favor**

CatWalk at Marina

Jim Keller made a motion to spend up to \$750 for blocks for the catwalk at the marina. Katherina Fostano seconded the motion. **All in favor**

Mulch at the playground

Gary Remley made a motion to spend up to \$2500 to purchase mulch from Ferric Mulch for the playground. **All in favor**

Gary Remley made a motion to spend up to \$2500 for Prestige Landscaping to spread mulch at the playground. **All in favor**

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Terra Volpe seconded the motion. **All in favor**