

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

**Members Present:** Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Tom Edwards, Jim Keller, and Terra Volpe

**Members Absent:** Katherina Fostano, Mark Lamanna, Gary Remley and Chris Van Steen

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

**Guests:** Kevin Hearty and John Horkan

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

**Public Comment**

Kevin Hearty gave an update regarding the addition of a shed and a batting cage to Memorial Field. He spoke of the process for getting permits and variants for this project. There was a discussion of the need for three quotes. Ken Bennett offered to give information that he had from baseball.

John Horkan spoke of issues with the Boat Dock including cleanliness and security. He further spoke of his interest in joining the Parks and Recreation Commission. He will check with the Selectmen's office to see if there is a spot available.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 as presented. Jim Keller seconded the motion- **All in favor**

**Chairman's Comments**

Sean Loughran announced that former Parks and Recreation Commission member Jim Ogden passed away on March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that the commission will ask the Selectmen to make an announcement at their next meeting. Jim Keller will write up a brief description of Jim Ogden's accomplishments to be read.

**Buildings and Grounds**

Sean Loughran read an update from Lloyd Decker regarding what has been done recently in town especially at the Town Park. Clay for the fields will be delivered next week.

### **Director's Report**

Linda Lull spoke of the pavilion at Rebel Turf. It was noted that Lacrosse parents were interested in painting and restoring the storage area at the pavilion. There was a discussion of which groups use the pavilion and who should be responsible for the upkeep. There was a suggestion of handing the control of this pavilion to the Board of Education.

Jim Keller made a motion that the Parks and Rec Commission request that control of the pavilion at Rebel Turf including maintenance, cleaning and scheduling be transferred to the Board of Education. Tom Edwards seconded the motion. - **All in favor**

Summer Camp will be held from June 19<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>. Sean Loughran noted that he toured MHHS as a venue for Summer Camp for this year. There was a brief discussion of the trail between MHHS and the high school campus that campers will use. Trips will be held every other week. The cost of camp will be higher on weeks where there are trips.

Linda Lull noted that two Waterfront Directors are still needed for the summer. They must be Lifeguard Certified and have experience.

Linda Lull noted that two adults are willing to be Outdoor Cinema Directors the summer. They will both be able to drive the truck and will work as a team. There was a brief discussion of the pay for this position and it was noted that having two directors will eliminate the need for an assistant.

Jim Keller made a motion to have two Outdoor Cinema Directors for the 2023 Summer at a rate of \$25 per hour each. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.-**All in favor**

### **Future agenda items**

The Camp Directors salary and the Field Fees committee will be discussed at a meeting in the near future.

**Adjournment**- Terra Volpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Ken Bennett seconded the motion. **All in favor**

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by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield