

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
7:00 pm.
NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

Members Present: Ken Bennett, Katherina Fostano, Mark Lamanna, Jim Keller, Chris Van Steen and Terra Volpe

Members Absent: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Tom Edwards, and Gary Remley

Town official present: Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull

Guests: None

Call to Order- Vice Chairman Mark Lamanna called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Ken Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 as presented. Terra Volpe seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Chairman's Comments- None

Buildings and Grounds- None

Director's Report

Many members of the Field Fees Committee have either moved away or left the district. A new Field Fees Committee is being formed with Ken Bennett, Sean Loughran, Jim Keller and Carrie DePuy. A meeting will be set up sometime next week.

Parks and Rec Director Linda Lull noted that the pavilion at Rebel Turf is currently run under the auspices of the Parks and Rec Commission. The Parks and Rec Commission is currently paying over \$10,000 per year in upkeep. Linda Lull noted that she attended a meeting with First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Business and Operations Director Carrie DePuy and Athletic Director Mark Ottush to discuss the possibility of the BOE taking over the responsibilities of the

pavilion. There was a discussion among the Parks and Rec Commission members about the possibility of charging an extra fee specifically for the upkeep of the pavilion.

Volunteers are needed for the Sip and Stroll on Saturday, May 20th. Anyone interested should contact Linda Lull.

Linda Lull noted that a Waterfront Director is still needed for the summer. They must be Lifeguard Certified, have waterfront experience, and be at least 21 years old.

The Day camp is almost full for the summer. The cap is 150 campers per week. Campers will be dropped off at the high school playground and will walk over to MHHS. There will be field trips on Wednesdays.

Boat attendants will be at the boat docks from Thursdays to Sundays.

The first Outdoor Cinema movie will be held on Friday, June 16th at Memorial Field.

Discussion of Parks and Rec finances

There was a discussion among the Parks and Rec members about the responsibilities of the Parks and Rec Commission and what the commission oversees. Members of the commission asked if it was possible to get a brief training session of what the 205 Fund covers and what is paid for with Parks and Rec Funds. Linda Lull will look into this.

New Business- None

Adjournment- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Ken Bennett seconded the motion. **All in favor**

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