

**NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
**7:00 pm.**  
**NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Tom Edwards, Jim Keller (arrived at 7:21 pm), Mark Lamanna, Chris Van Steen, and Terra Volpe

**Members Absent:** Gary Remley and Katherina Fostano

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

**Call to Order-** Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**Approval of Minutes-** Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023 as presented. Ken Bennett seconded the motion.- **All in favor**

**Approval of Calendar for 2024**

Mark Lamanna made a motion to approve the calendar dates for 2024 as presented with a meeting start time of 6:00pm. Ken Bennett seconded the motion- **All in favor**

**Director's Report-** Linda Lull gave a list of upcoming events and noted that volunteers are needed for the Turkey Run and Santa's Workshop.

- Trick or Treat- October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Turkey Run- November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Santa's Workshop- November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Lull noted that New Fairfield Day was cancelled for October 14<sup>th</sup> due to rain. She asked for volunteers for both the Turkey Run and Santa's Workshop. There was a brief discussion of where to hold the registration for the Turkey Run and if it should be at the high school or middle school. Shirts for the Turkey Run will be sold online through Godfather Productions.

Linda Lull noted that minimum wage will increase to \$15.69 per hour effective January 2024. The commission will discuss how this will affect seasonal workers at the November meeting.

**Rebel Turf and Pavilion**

Linda Lull spoke of a suggestion that was made at a recent Field Fees meeting to use a portion of the Field Fees for upkeep of the pavilion at Rebel Turf. The Parks and Rec commission expressed their

desire to have the BOE manage the upkeep of the pavilion. Linda Lull will follow this up with Purchasing Agent Patty Mota and Finance Director Olga Melnikov.

**Chairman's Report**- Sean Loughran noted that he received a request from the Planning Commission for feedback for the Plan of Conservation and Development. He will present ideas to the Planning Commission at their workshop on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Commission members will give their feedback for the presentation. This will be discussed further at the November Parks and Rec meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds**- Sean Loughran spoke briefly about the need to replace the Rebel Turf field and gave an update of the Field Fees committee meeting.

**Stripe Machine**

Tom Edwards made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,995.00 plus the cost of shipping for Brite Stripper. Mark Lamanna seconded the motion- **All in favor**

**Door at Concession Stand at Rebel Turf**

Chris Van Steen made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3,190.00 for the replacement of the garage door at the concession stand at Rebel Turf. Terra Volpe seconded the motion. **All in favor**

**Dock Invoice**

There was a discussion of the invoice for the docks at the Town Marina. The commission asked Linda Lull to get more information regarding the scope of the work. The approval of this invoice was tabled until the next meeting.

**Public Comment**- None

**Adjournment**- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Terra Volpe seconded the motion. **All in favor**

Received by email on 10/17/2023 @ 3:12 p.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield