

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION***  
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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**  
**6:00 pm.**  
**NEW FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Members Present:** Sean Loughran (Chairman), Ken Bennett, Jim Keller, Gary Remley, Chris Van Steen and Terra Volpe

**Members Absent:** Tom Edwards and Mark Lamanna

**Town official present:** None

Member of the public present: Jena Alviti

**Call to Order-** Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

**Public Comment**

Jena Alviti asked about the cleaning for the pavilion and the playground and fields. Sean Loughran noted that the pavilion is cleaned by Hat City Cleaning. The cost of the cleaning is split between the Parks and Rec Commission and the BOE. The garbage cans on the field and playground are emptied by public works.

There was a discussion of the Field Fees and it was noted that the fee is determined by the Field Fees Committee..

**Approval of Minutes**

Jim Keller made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting as presented. Gary Remley seconded the motion- **All in favor.**

**Chairman's Report**

The Sip and Stroll on May 4<sup>th</sup> was very successful with approximately 260 people in attendance. There was a discussion of how to increase attendance and the need to advertise to surrounding towns. The commission spoke of other events that will help promote town businesses.

Sean Loughran spoke of the replacement of the Rebel Turf and the track. It is hopeful that some of the surplus money will go towards replacing them. It was noted that new lights are needed for the track too.

Sean Loughran note that Linda Lull will be getting a price for replacement of the Snack Shack at the Beach. The commission discussed alternatives such as a hot dog cart or selling packaged snacks.

There was a lengthy discussion of the Beach House and it was noted that it will not be open this summer. There was a suggestion of putting a porta potty at the beach.

The shed for Girl's Softball was installed.

Boards on the dock have been replaced.

Jim Keller asked about the Pickleball League in town using town facilities and if there should be a field fee charged. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

### **Future Agenda Items**

The commission discussed Outdoor Summer Movies and the challenge with getting workers to set up and operate the equipment. It was noted that they will not be held this year.

There was a request for a master list of the roles of the various commissions and departments in town and who is responsible for which items.

There was a suggestion of a Kick Ball Tournament or a Wiffle Ball Tournament for future events

**Adjournment**- Chris Van Steen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Jim Keller seconded the motion. **All in favor**

Received by email on 05/17/2024 @ 8:30 a.m  
By Tricia Quinn, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield