

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
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**MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, November 14, 2007**

**New Fairfield Town Hall Conference Room  
7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Ray Lubus, Chairman, Steve Burfeind, Teresa Fiamengo, Mark Lamanna, Bill Tripp, Lyn Sheaffer, Commission Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Ray Lubus

**2. Public Comment**

None

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Mr. Lamanna motioned to adopt the agenda. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion. Additions:

Under Old business

1. Report to New Fairfield foundation on movie program.
2. Bathroom facility at Rebel Turf

Under New Business

1. Turkey Run
2. Holiday Tree lighting event.

Add: Remarks of Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman.

**3. Remarks from Parks & Recreation Director**

Mr. Lubus gave Mr. Merullo's report. See attached.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### *Report to New Fairfield Foundation*

Mr. Lubus reported he established a Policies & Procedures document and forwarded to Dana Wells. He asked for an extension for the financials to 12/15/07. He reported she was satisfied with the Policies & Procedures. Mr. Merullo will send the financials to the NF Foundation Ms. Wells attention.

Mr. Lubus asked for a presence (clubs & Commission members) when he goes before the Board of Selectmen for the bathrooms at Rebel Turf.

#### **5. Sub-committee reports**

##### **FIELDS**

Mr. Burfiend reported meeting with the sub-committee to prepare for the joint meeting with the fields fee's committee.

He explained the concerns brought to the sub-committee by the local club representatives.

1. Clubs did not like the high/low usage fee, prefer a flat fee.
2. They figure there is \$45-\$50/person to save \$100,000 per year.
3. They expressed concern about the control and management of the field replacement funds.

Mr. Lubus reported on the joint meeting with the field fee committee. He explained that the money to replace the turf was going to be completely from youth sports program and half the time is used by the school. He explained there was a general feeling that it should be equal contribution.

Mr. Lubus reported there was a consensus on the structure preference, most felt a flat fee was the best way to go. Mr. Lubus also felt the Bocce club should pay a nominal fee.

Mr. Burfiend questioned if it was reasonable to think we could double our savings to 90,000-100,000 in 1 year.

Mr. Castagnola, School Superintendent was sympathetic to doubling the fee and felt maybe it should go up incrementally. He explained the Field fees committee will have to agree on a recommendation to bring to the Board of Education policy sub-committee then they would bring it to the board of Education. Best case there may be a decision in January or February.

Mr. Lubus stated the First Selectman pledged that the fields would be self-sustaining and he will never ask the taxpayers for more money.

Ms. Fiamengo asked what 7 years of grass field maintenance would add up to.

Mr. Lubus stated the Clubs had agreed to absorb a \$10 increase for spring of the Board of Education agreed.

##### **WATERFRONT**

Mr. Lamanna reported he would get a sub-committee meeting together.

##### **PROGRAMMING**

##### **TURKEY RUN**

Mr. Lamanna reviewed the list of volunteers needed.

Mr. Lubus to call Ann Marie Gorman and Bill O'Keeffe to check their commitment to the Commission.

#### TREE LIGHTING

Mr. Lubus reviewed the flyer, Starbucks set for the Hot Chocolate.

### **6. New Business**

The Commission reviewed the meeting dates for 2008.

#### MOTION

Mr. Tripp motioned to accept the meeting dates for 2008. Mr. Lamanna seconded the motion. Vote taken:

Mr. Lamanna	Yes
Mr. Tripp	Yes
Ms. Fiamengo	Yes
Mr. Burfiend	Yes
Mr. Lubus	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

### **7. Correspondence & Communication**

None

### **8. Remarks from Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman**

Mr. Lubus stated that the commission needed to revitalize itself and work on the marina septic and waterfront issues. He would like to look into a trail system at Margerie Reservoir with Danbury. Mr. Lubus to contact Danbury Parks & Recreation.

### **9. Approval of Minutes**

#### MOTION

Mr. Burfiend motioned to approve the minutes for the October meeting. Ms. Fiamengo seconded the motion. Vote taken:

Mr. Lamanna	Yes
Mr. Tripp	Abstain
Ms. Fiamengo	Yes
Mr. Burfiend	Yes
Mr. Lubus	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lyn Sheaffer, Secretary Parks & Recreation Commission

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