

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD  
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**Regular Meeting  
Wednesday March 14, 2007**

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

PRESENT: Mark Lamanna, Vice Chairman, Bill Tripp, Sean Loughran, Laura Anderson, Annemarie Gorman, Steve Merullo, Director Parks & Recreation, Lyn Sheaffer, P&R Secretary, John Hodge, First Selectman, Marty Morgan, NF Lacrosse.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Vice Chairman Mark Lamanna

**2. Remarks from Director of Parks & Recreation**

Mr. Merullo reported he asked Mr. Morgan not to overwhelm the Board of Finance meeting. He felt there was some misunderstanding. The commission discussed.

He reported Brian Stroh is coming back as Director of the summer day camp.

Mr. Merullo reported they need a professional to spray pesticides for grubs/beetles on Cashman field. Mr. Merullo showed the Commission the damage to the field when Buildings and Grounds drove on it today with their heavy trucks.

Mr. Loughran felt the Commission should push the have the concession stand/bathroom project at the turf field reinstated to the budget.

**Field Turf Update**

Mr. Merullo reported \$30,000 was refunded and \$10,000 in interest made on the money left in the bank. He stated the Treasurer agreed to give P&R the interest money, it will go into the replacement fund

**2007 Movie Program**

Mr. Merullo reported he picked the following movies for the summer movie program. 1. Grease,. 2. Shrek 2, 3. Madagascar, 4. Ghostbusters.

Mr. Merullo sent Pepsi a letter with the list of movies and a thank you. 37 days from the receipt of the letter P&R will receive \$10,000. The Commission discussed equipment packages to purchase.

Mr. Merullo reported Squantz Pond Fire Dept. agreed to be responsible for the concessions.

## **Groovin' in New Fairfield**

Mr. Merullo distributed proposed agreement between P&R and Groovin'. The Commission tabled till next month for further review.

## **Tennis Courts**

Mr. Merullo reported the bids were out and due in 3/27/07.

## **3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Programming**

Mr. Merullo distributed an After School Program information guide and reviewed. The Commission discussed.

Ms. Anderson felt there should be a flat \$15/day fee. No break for 3 or 5 days. Mr. Merullo reported Aramack could do a snack for \$3.25/day. The Commission felt that was high. He will check with Aramack again.

Mr. Merullo reviewed the proposed schedule. He stated we have to supply our own tables. He was granted the Multi-purpose room every day, and can use the gym if not available. The Teachers lounge will be available for the Director's use

Ms. Anderson did not feel an Assistant Director was needed. The Commission discussed Director's hours. Mr. Merullo met with Principal Jane Harwood and she was in favor of the program.

Mr. Loughran to work the numbers and Ms. Anderson will write a job description.

Mr. Merullo reported Brookfield P&R called Barb to see if we wanted to join them on a bus trip to NY for a show. He didn't feel comfortable guaranteeing ½ the bus so he committed to 10 spots.

Spring brochure is ready for printing. There will be a smaller summer booklet to include the After School program and other things.

### **Field Use**

Mr. Merullo reported Flash Track and Lacrosse worked out their schedule.

### **Waterfront**

Mr. Merullo reported all the Marina slips are full until the end of this week if everyone comes back. He reviewed the Marina wait list.

The Commission discussed the handicapped parking spaces. They discussed 1 at the marina and the 2 closest spots up on top. They felt the boat attendant could park up top and have 2 at the Marina.

The Commission discussed renting Jet Ski slips. Mr. Merullo was worried about the new lake owners, we have a contract for a certain number of slips.

### **Rebel Turf Lights**

Mr. Merullo reported the new lights were up and they were re-bulbing the others. They were going to finish tomorrow night.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Merullo reported they were still signing up. Mr. Tripp requested they switch from hats to visors. The Commission discussed having a Softball meeting. Barbara Coelho is on vacation for 10 days. Ms. Gorman stated we need to find out the deadline for sign up and then have a rules meeting.

Mr. Lamanna reported there would be a Waterfront sub-committee meeting April 4, 2007.

#### **5. MINUTES**

Mr. Loughran motioned to approve the minutes of February 21, 2007. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion Vote taken:

Mark Lamanna	Yes
Bill Tripp	Yes
Laura Anderson	Yes
Annemarie Gorman	Yes
Sean Loughran	Yes

Motion carried unanimously,

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lyn Sheaffer, Secretary Parks & Recreation Commission