

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Sean Loughran (Chairman) , Mark LaManna, Steve Burfeind, Bill O'Keefe, Bill Tripp, Melissa Fidanza, Fred Testor, Tom Edwards, Chris Van Steen, Barbara Cohelo, Kelly Ferris (Program Director) and Steve Merullo (Director Parks & Recreation)

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Sean Loughran

Motion

Bill O'Keefe motioned to adopt agenda. Mark seconded

Vote Taken:

Tom Edwards Yes

Bill O'Keefe Yes

Chris Van Steen Yes

Bill Tripp Yes

Steve Burfiend Yes

Melissa Fidanza Yes

Mark LaManna Yes

Fred Testor Yes

Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Marlene Drygas from Groovin' in New Fairfield read a letter from Jeff Main that summarized their past events and planned activity in the future. She stated that they will attend a meeting in January to present their budget for the year. They will also be sure to mention P&R in their advertizing. They requested another meeting to discuss other events.

3. Turkey Run: Kelly reported that 60 people have registered so far.

On the morning of the Run, Sean will pick up Turkeys from Food Center, Bill O'Keefe will pick up Bagels and Steve B. will pick up supplies from Shaw's. The Leo's will take care of water stations. Fire police can not direct non emergency events. So we may have to use grounds staff. After discussion it was decided that the only staff we would need would be Marty as he works on Sunday. All Commission members should be there by 9 AM to help with registration. Laura Anderson is going to run the kids fun run. We have the medals for that race. Gary Mead has the purchased the trophies for the adult run.

4. **Tree Lighting:** Barbara reported the tree Lighting will be Nov 30th at Memorial. We have a Santa. Community service will not be taking pictures any more so we will tell people to bring their own camera. We are not going to pay for any additional sound equipment. Members should be there at 3:30 to set up. Starbucks is bringing hot COCO. There is the option to set the movie up if the weather is not bad (windy etc)

Motion

Bill O'Keefe made a motion to advertise that we are not taking pictures or providing pictures, Fred Seconded. .

Vote Taken:

Tom Edwards	Yes
Bill O'Keefe	Yes
Chris Van Steen	Yes
Bill Tripp	Yes
Steve Burfiend	Yes
Melissa Fidanza	Yes
Mark LaManna	Yes
Fred Testor	Yes

Motion carried.

Motion

Mark made a motion to allow Barbara to spend up to \$100 for decorations for the gazebo. Bill O'Keefe

Vote Taken:

Tom Edwards	Yes
Bill O'Keefe	Yes
Chris Van Steen	Yes
Bill Tripp	Yes
Steve Burfiend	Yes
Melissa Fidanza	Yes
Mark LaManna	Yes
Fred Testor	Yes

Motion carried.

5. Remarks from Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman

Sean Loughran passed out the draft of the proposed agreement between the P&R Commission and the DOG owners group. It was stated that P&R should review this document, but not vote on it until the town approves the idea. Joe Garufi from the dog owners group gave an update. Joe has spoken to Peter Collins and Peter said that the town insurance will cover the park as long as there are signs posted. The plan is still to build it beyond the fence at Cashman Field. Fred had called other towns to see what issues they had. The biggest complaint was people not cleaning up after their dogs. Joe also stated they will need about \$25,000 to build the park and currently they have \$5,000. Joe is going to speak to the Selectman to get the town to vote on this plan. There was discussion about the area behind rebel turf and who will be able to use it. It was stated that it can be used until a fence is added. Then it will be allocated via the fields use committee just like the other fields.

6. Remarks from Parks & Recreation Director

The small playground needs to have a ground cover.

Motion

Mark made a motion to allow Steve to spend \$1,500 for the material. Fred seconded.

Vote Taken:

Tom Edwards Yes

Bill O'Keefe Yes

Chris Van Steen Yes

Bill Tripp Yes

Steve Burfiend Yes

Melissa Fidanza Yes

Mark LaManna Yes

Fred Testor Yes

Motion carried.

7 Long Range Plan.

A new proposal for the bathrooms at Rebel Turf was presented; this plan included a pre fab bathroom building. There was discussion related to ability of this type of building to hold up for this use.

Steve is going to check on possible upgrades and their costs. Chris is going to provide Steve with the names of other firms that sell these types of buildings.

The worksheet handed out also including a proposal about the funding. This would require the Soccer Club, Lacrosse Club to all contribute \$15,000. It also listed SCORE fund contributing \$22,000. P&R would use its capital funds of \$10,872

for septic and \$15,000 from Capital fund. Steve is going to ask the clubs about donating. Other groups need to be contacted (Falcons etc). We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Commission discussed updating our long range plan various items were listed and in December we will vote on what to request for the FY10 budget. Items mentioned included, Bathroom at Rebel Turf, Beach House, Field behind MHHS , New Playground, Field at Gillotti, Field House , Resurface basketball court and a Skateboard park.

8 Subcommittee Reports

Fields-none

Waterfront-none

Programming: There was a question on the status of swimming lessons at the pool from our last meeting. We will have Kelly follow up. Chris suggested selling merchandise to increase revenue. This will require coordination with Schools and clubs in town.

It as also requested hat Kelly look into getting Thunder Ridge ski passes.

9 2009 Calendar

The commission wants to move the meetings in 2009, so Steve Merullo will be able to attend. It was proposed to move to the second Monday. Sean will check and report back in Dec.

10 Adjournment-Meeting was adjourned at 10:00