

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
Wednesday, October 08, 2008

7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Sean Loughran (Chairman) , Mark Lamana Steve Burfeind, Bill O'Keeffe, Bill Tripp, Melissa Fidanza, Fred Testor, Tom Edwards, Kelly Ferris (Program Director) and Steve Merullo (Director Parks & Recreation)

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

Joe Garufi gave an update related to a request to find space for a dog park in New Fairfield. Tim Simpkins does not want the park on top of High School septic. It was suggested to use the area past center field fence at Komlo field, next to Bocce courts.

The issue of insurance must be checked with Peter Collins.

Joe is going to speak to the Selectman to get the town to vote on this plan.

Fred is going to call references about maintenance.

3 Remarks from Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman

Sean Loughran passed along complaints from the NF Soccer Club about lights not being on for practice, sprinklers going on during practices and games and schedule conflicts. Steve said these issues are being addressed.

There was a discussion about getting a list of who has the keys to the lights and sending directions on resetting the lights to AUTO. The Commission secretary position is still not posted at Town Hall..

4 Report from Program Director

Kelly gave an update on the Turkey Run and the Tree Lighting, she will need some help with this event.

The Turkey run course will be changed so it starts in the school parking lot.

There was a discussion about not requiring the small vendors we use to not have to split 60/40 %. The Commission was concerned with the split with Tennis, Basketball and Drama camps.

She also said there is an issue with the Adult soccer league on Wed night paying. She was going up to the field to try and collect. (It was discovered later that Ray Lubus never told the participants that there was a fee involved, those participants said they would pay later.)

This is an example, where if we do not have enough paid participants before the program begins it should be cancelled.

The Program book has been issued on time.

There is going to be an open swim on Dec 5th. Kelly will check about offering swim lessons.

Melissa made a motion to send out the 60 %/40 % letter to the vendors, Mark seconded it. The vote approved it. WE need to find an electronic copy of the memo.

3. Remarks from Parks & Recreation Director

Playground is being laid out to be completed in Nov.

Dugout- need to be bid out again.

Grass area behind Rebel Turf has sod on it now. Its needs a fence before it can be used. Donations also need to be discussed.

Steve had to replace the water heater at the Beach (\$1,200). He also has to fix the well pump at the beach. He will charge that to the 205 fund.

Brian Stroh gave an update on the day camp. The Camp was only 5 weeks this year. The numbers were greater than usual. We need to check if insurance covers the inflatable's we rent for camp.

The early drop off and late pick up is in great demand, so we should continue it.

By December 1st he will let us know if he is returning next summer.

We need to discuss having the stairs at Rebel Turf built, even though there will be no bathroom.

Steve is going to tell the School that we will not be paying for the Port a potty at the track (\$85 per month). We are already paying for two at the playground.

WE will review the profit from the beach at the next meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Status of projects-discussed in other sections

5. Subcommittee Reports

Fields

Waterfront

Swim docks need some work this winter. They are being evaluated.

This winter 1 ½ arms of the boat docks will be repaired this winter.

If there is more funds available more sections will be fixed.

Programming: Bill Tripp and Tom Edwards volunteered for the sub-committee.

Long Range Planning: will meet to discuss the timing of spending the funds we have allocated. We may not have enough for all of the items we want to do this year (i.e.; Boat docks and swim docks, stairs at Rebel Turf etc).

The Commission will coordinate spending Capital funds and discuss how the funds that are rolled over from last year can be used to complete our planned projects.

6. New Business

We had \$14,000 in our fields account from last year (acct 205). As a result the BOE has changed its policy and will not give us then \$10,000 that we were suppose to receive from the field fees in FY 09. P&R needs these funds to complete our planned projects.

The original plan was for both BOE and P&R to get \$10,000 from current years fees (FY 09) for field maintenance. They have now not lived up to the agreement the special fields fee committee agreed to previously. Steve is going to discuss this with them. P&R will discuss again next meeting.

7. Correspondence & Communications-none.

8. Approval of Minutes

Bill Tripp made a motion to approve, seconded by Fred Tester, approved.

9. Adjournment-Meeting was adjourned at 10:30