

NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020
7:30 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Loughran (Chairman), Steve Burfeind, Shane Cosentino, Elisa Beckett Flores, Jim Ogden and Gary Remley

Members Absent: Tom Edwards, Mark Lamanna and Chris Van Steen

Town official present: Linda Lull, Parks and Recreation Director, Lloyd Decker and Director of Buildings and Grounds

Guests: None

Network Administrator Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Jim Ogden made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Chairman's comments

Sean Loughran noted that the Selectmen have inquired about the possibility of having a drive in movie at Squantz Pond. The commission is currently waiting for permission from DEEP. If Squantz Pond is not possible, they may check about using the high school instead.

Buildings and Grounds

Director of Buildings and Grounds Lloyd Decker noted that:

- All fields, facilities, the dog park and the playground are currently closed due to COVID 19.
- The boat docks are in.
- The bid process with the anchor system is on hold and will be discussed in the near future.
- There was a brief discussion of sports teams in town and it was noted that fields are currently closed and that the decision to reopen the fields will be made by the BOS.

- It was noted that the Town Beach is scheduled to open on July 1st but that may be changed as the situation warrants. Public Works is getting the beach ready just in case.
- The commission is waiting to hear about the status of the possibility of the New Fairfield Lions Club building a pavilion at the Town Beach.

Director update

Linda Lull noted that:

- All summer camps have been cancelled for the year.
- The Beach is scheduled to open on July 1st
- The boat slips have been filled.
- Discussed the possibility of having a drive-in movie at either Squantz Pond or the high school.
- Some surrounding towns have committed to renting the drive-in theater equipment.
- The Boat Parade scheduled for July 10th will most likely be cancelled.

Subcommittee Reports

Waterfront- A C&D diver came in and hooked up a chain that was lost over the winter at the boat docks.

Fields- There was a question of whether or not any maintenance needs to be done at the fields. Lloyd Decker noted that the best maintenance for the fields at this point is to let them rest.

Spring Sports- Steve Burfeind spoke of rules for Spring Sports and noted that there may be more than normal usage for the summer. He spoke of the commission having to make the decision about who gets to use the fields or if it is even open at all.

Playground- Elisa Beckett-Flores asked about the possibility of paving the area where the ramp is for handicapped accessibility. Sean Loughran and Lloyd Decker will look into this.

Fall Schedule- Linda Lull noted that New Fairfield Fair Days are usually held in September. It was noted that information for this must be decided by July. The Turkey Run, Tree Lighting and Tricks and Treats Fest are all scheduled for the fall. It was decided to skip the Sip and Stroll for this year.

Guidelines for openings- Elisa Beckett-Flores asked what precautions have been put in place for things that are currently open or will be reopening soon. Linda Lull noted that they will follow any rules and guidelines instructed by the Health Director. She noted that the masks must be worn at the marina with a group of no more than five people from the same household.

Virtual instructions- Elisa Beckett-Flores asked about the possibility of having virtual classes in lieu of camp. There was a brief discussion of looking into this and whether or not campers would be charged for the class.

Insurance claim- Linda Lull noted that she is looking into an insurance claim for lost revenue since there will not be summer camps.

Adjournment- Gary Remley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Steve Burfeind seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**