

***NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

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

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

Town official present: Linda Lull, Parks and Recreation Director and BOE Network Administrator Paul Gouveia and BOE Member Greg Flanagan

Guests: None

BOE Network Administrator Paul Gouveia read the rules and regulations for a virtual meeting.

Call to Order- Chairman Sean Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes- Gary Remley made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Elisa Beckett Flores seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Chairman's comments

Sean Loughran noted that due to COVID 19 the Turkey Run, Boat Parade and Tree Lighting will be cancelled for this year.

Sean Loughran noted that the boat docks are in bad shape and took a beating during the August 2020 storm. He will report back to the commission once he has information from the Selectmen as to when the boat docks will be fixed.

The rims at the basketball courts at the high school have been removed per instructions from the Health Director.

Director update

Linda Lull noted that there will be no Tree Lighting this year. There was a discussion of the possibility of having a Holiday parade with a longer route in order to allow for social distancing. The date for this parade is Saturday, November 28 with a rain/snow date of November 29.

Linda Lull noted that Connecticut minimum wage has increased to \$12.00 per hour as of September 1, 2020. It will increase again in August 2021. Steve Burfeind asked for a report that shows a view of the Parks and Rec self-sustaining fund since a lot of revenue that is usually received in past years was not received this year. Linda Lull will check with the Finance Department to get this information.

Linda Lull spoke of the possibility of hosting Trick or Treating at the Senior Center asking groups in town to hand out candy. An email was sent to groups in town to see if they are interested in participating. Participants would be required to register ahead of time. The date for this event would be Sunday, October 25.

There was an idea about asking residents to decorate their houses for Halloween similar to the Great Light Fight. There would be no judging but residents would get a map to drive by the various houses. The dates for this would be from October 25-31.

Decorated pumpkins will be lined up along the walkway in front of Town Hall beginning October 25.

Meeting House Hill School Teachers Lisa Tramazzo and Jeff Guiliano will be hosting some Zoom classes.

Linda Lull spoke of the possibility of putting a door at the side of the gate at the Town Beach Marina. She will ask Public Works Director Lloyd Decker to get quotes for this. There was a discussion of the cost of this and ways that members would access.

There was a discussion of the possibility of having a virtual run instead of the Turkey Run with a suggested donation of \$10.00. There was a suggestion of having runners order t-shirts directly through Godfather Productions.

Subcommittee Reports

Fields

Steve Burfeind noted that Youth Soccer will begin this weekend. Youth Field Hockey will start in early October. Falcons Football has one team this year and will start in the end of September. Men's Softball will continue through the end of October. Girl's Softball will have a fall season.

Steve Burfeind noted that there has been some requests from other towns to rent New Fairfield fields since a lot of out of town fields are closed. It was noted that the Health Director does not want to rent the fields to outside participants at this time.

Beach House

Linda Lull will speak to the Lions Club about the progress of the rebuilding of the Beach House at the Town Beach.

Adjournment- Steve Burfeind made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm.

Gary Remley seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**