

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of August 18, 2021**

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Fairfield was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Brian Nerreau, Chairman; Bridget McBride, Bonnie Rotelli, Dylan O'Connor, and David Weber

**ABSENT:** Chris McCoy, Margaret Horton Weeks, MacKay Jameson, and Jamie Benton

Chairman Brian Nerreau called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**I. Act on Minutes – June 16, 2021** - Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

**II. Public Input: To discuss any emails previously sent that are not on the agenda already.** None Presented.

**III. New Business: To hear and act upon:**

**A.** Lin Sunil, 121 Millard St., is a Boy Scout who would like to construct a permanent Covid 19 memorial at Jennings Park as his final Eagle project for people to come and openly grieve. He explained that the Boy Scouts will help with the funding and the construction of the memorial which will include a bench. B. Nerreau asked if approved, how soon he could start the project. L. Sunil stated that he would need to meet with his troop for final approval and he anticipated completion by Sept. 25. A. Calabrese stated that the Parks and Recreation Department will add additional benches at the memorial and will coordinate together on them.

**Motion:** B. McBride made a motion to approve the project including the bench. B. Rotelli seconded.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**B.** Mary Beyer – 4720 Congress St. on behalf of the Sustainable Task Force would like to host a mattress pick up for Fairfield Residents at Veterans Park on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 1 p.m. There will be a trailer located in the parking lot of Veterans Park and if there are more than they can accommodate, the remainder can go directly to the transfer station. They have already contacted the transfer station to make them aware of it as well. A. Calabrese mentioned that Fairfield Girls Little League has the permit for the softball field, however he did not anticipate any issues.

**Motion:** D. Webber made a motion to approve a mattress pick up on Sept. 18, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. B. Rotelli seconded.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**V. To hear and act upon information in Reports:**

**A. Board of Education Report:** - B. Rotelli stated that the Governor had extended the mask mandate for all schools until the end of September. This year teaching will be 100% in person. There will be no remote learning options. They are waiting for clarification for kids in

quarantine but as of last night's meeting, there was no plan in place yet. All fall sports are going on and will follow the mask mandate for any sports held inside.

## **B. Director's Report:**

Summer is winding down and so is our summer programming. This has been a very successful summer in terms of offerings and registration numbers. Our staff has done an amazing job offering so many programs during a very unsettled time.

We are currently in the process of planning our fall programs and events. Things are all still very fluid due to the COVID pandemic. We are doing our best to plan programs within the Governor's guidelines while keeping our participants and staff as safe as possible. The majority of our sports leagues in Town have started back up with many safety restrictions in place. We continue to monitor the situation as things unfold.

Our Department re-organization has been going well. We have moved our Parks Department crew to the H. Smith Richardson maintenance location. The Superintendent of Parks (Doug Novak) and our Parks Supervisor (Kevin Fox) have been moved to our office. We believe these changes will help streamline the operations and communication amongst staff.

Remediation work has begun at Gould Manor as of last week. We are looking to have the park reopened for the spring season. Our contractors are currently rebuilding the two Little League fields, the tennis court, and adding a pickleball court and half-court basketball court. In addition, we are replacing the large playground, and the small playground will be replaced with Fairfield's first outdoor fitness park! There are other sites that are still in the process of being remediated and testing will continue to determine how to proceed.

As always, I have to publicly thank my staff for the amazing job they have been doing! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

## **IV. Good of the Order None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** B. Nerreau stated with no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Brown, Recording Secretary