

**FIELD FEES COMMITTEE
NEW FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**

MINUTES – May 13, 2024, Meeting

Members Present (6 voting members): Ed Sbordone (chair), Ken Crow, Dominic Cipollone, Ken Bennett, Jim Keller, Sean Loughran

Member Absent:

Also Present: Carrie DePuy, Phil Ross, Mark Ottusch, Mike Evans

Minutes submitted by: Ken Crow

Meeting Location: Meeting Access: Field Fees Committee (5/13/24 at 4 p.m.)

Web: <https://zoom.us/j/94837133307> **Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 948 3713 3307**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 11, 2024

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 11, 2024, as presented

Made by: Sean Loughran

Seconded by: Jim Keller

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Discuss and Review of Turf and Track Budget Status and Quotes – Director of Business and Operations Carrie DePuy gave a presentation to clear up any misinformation, and presented an overview of the quotes, funding that we actually have and the next steps in the process. Sprinturf’s quote dated 4/9/24 was \$886,005. There is an amount of \$640,195.62 in Fund Balance for the turf & track replacement. The next steps are to schedule a meeting with Sprinturf, secure the remaining funds to complete the project and plan for the replacement of the turf and track. The committee is interested in obtaining assurances that Sprinturf will hold the price until spring, 2025. Additional funding may be available through ARPA Funds. The committee also discussed replacing the field lighting at the same time. A member of the public questioned the low quote and cautioned the committee about hidden costs

B. Discuss and Review the Current Field Fees Structure - Increasing the fee by \$10, \$5 or charging a flat fee of \$50 was discussed. Any change to the fee schedule would have to go to BOE Policy Subcommittee and then to the full BOE. Some fall sports clubs have already started the registration process. Timing and communication are key to implementing a change in the fee schedule.

C. Discuss and Review the Current Maintenance Structure for Rebel Pavilion – Until this year, maintenance of the pavilion has been taken care of by Parks & Rec. This year, the weekly cleaning and paper supplies replenishment have been split between P&R and BOE. The pavilion has been abused over time, and capital improvement will have to be made. Maintenance is not done on the weekends. Maintenance of the pavilion does not fall under the prevue of the FFC. It was agreed that the Town, the BOE and the clubs meet to discuss the pavilion.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and Vote on Turf/Track Replacement – No action taken

B. Discuss and Vote on Fall Sports Field Fees Structure – No action taken

V. OTHER - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Made by: Ed Sbordone

Seconded by: Sean Loughran

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.