

Fairfield Recreation Meeting  
9/15/2020  
6:30pm to 8:50pm

Attendance:

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1. Soccer
  - Great numbers! 49 kids in attendance
  - 2 high school volunteers, 1 adult not involved in the recreation department, more student volunteers expected next week
  - Smaller fields painted on the sidelines of large soccer field were very helpful
2. Community Fields and Path
  - Next year we will continue our construction of the community fields. The large soccer field will be turned diagonal in the space, this will allow our field enough space to be proper dimensions. Then a T-ball field will be added to the corner (by school and BNML) allowing our kids to have more opportunities to play baseball and softball with 3 fields
  - We recognize that entering the field is difficult with the ropes up as is. The ropes are there to keep the field safe, and we have put openings where it is safe for people to access. We cannot put an entrance at BNML and the school because it is a town road, (Park St) and we would have to put in a crosswalk, but crosswalks legally cannot go into a parking lot. Plus the steep pitch of that corner creates many problems for safety. However, we will look into putting an entrance in the other corner (South Rd and Park St). When construction is done on the school we will fix up the community path at the field and add "field entrance" signs.
  - Community path maintenance is needed. We will weld up a path drag to rip out weeds and flatten path. Donations of steel to build drag are welcome, as are gravel and volunteers to help spread and rake. We will begin work on the path after October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Community bulletin board and Fairfield sign at the end of the softball backstop are also ideas we'd like to pursue.
3. Girls Club
  - Fairfield's Girl Scout Troop is looking to dissolve, and turn into a girls club through the rec department. Similar activities including: community service, field trips, science exploration, STEM projects, sports activities, arts and crafts, home economics, etc.
  - Moving away from the Girl Scouts gives our group more freedom for travel and do interesting projects with the girls without the rules and regulations of a corporation. Plus we're not obligated to sell items as a fund raiser. It will help unify our girls in Fairfield, with our ideals and unique qualities here, instead of a national blanket group.
4. Online Registration for Rec Events
  - We would like to set up an online system for folks to register for our activities and events. Something like the Saint Albans Rec's page would be great. Any volunteers to assist us in this project would be welcome.
5. Grants
  - Got the volleyball grant for equipment to pursue junior high March volleyball
  - Next year we will apply for the matched grant to help fund the t-ball field construction.
6. Run for Chet

- Sat October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the East Fairfield Community Center and green. 5K run for 11yrs old and up (\$20). Free 1K run for 10 and under. Sweet treat for first 100 racers, and all kids. Registration for 1K at 1:30pm, for 5K at 2:30pm. Food for purchase starting at 2:30, and free live music by “The Fog” 3:30-6:30 on the green.
- Due to Covid-19 masks will need to be worn while not racing. Temperatures will be taken at registration. No yard games will be played, but folks are encouraged to socially distanced hangout on the green, eat and enjoy the band.
- Road closures from 1:45pm to 5:45pm. Roads closed: Mill St, Lapland Rd, Morey Rd (BT Rd), Boot Hill Rd (Gravel Pit Rd). Signs will be posted soon, Fire Dept will help close roads.
- Many local businesses are donating to our race and will be thanked and listed once all donations are established.

#### 7. Special Meeting

- To be held for the Run for Chet info only, Tuesday 9/29 @ 6:30pm at the Chester Arthur Rm at the Town Offices. We encourage all interested parties to attend the meeting. We need volunteers to help out at the race, registration and set up. We will also be assembling 100 goodie bags for first 100 runners at the meeting.