

## **UNAPPROVED**

### **Town of Auburn Parks and Recreation Commission March 9, 2015**

**In attendance were:** Chairman, Mr. Tim Therrien; Commissioners, Mrs. Lisa Canavan and Mr. Alex Eisman, Alternate Commissioners, Ms. Margie McEvoy, Mr. Pat Kelly, and Mr. Dave Nye, Selectman, Jim Headd. Also attending the meeting was Auburn resident, Alan Villeneuve. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes.

#### **Concert Series**

Mrs. Helen Hiltz noted that the concert dates of June 18<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> have been confirmed. Paperwork to reserve the cafeteria for the Hippy Dippy Coffee House has been submitted. One band has already been secured. Ms. Juliano is working on securing bands for the other events.

#### **New Venue to Replace the Memorial Day Bazaar**

Mr. Therrien noted that the original goal to work with and expand the Duck Race Event is again a viable option and asked the Committee to consider that option. Mr. Therrien stated that Mrs. Helen Hiltz and he attended the steering committee meeting for the Duck Race. Attending that meeting were BOS steering committee appointees Dan Carpenter, Dee Cleary, Pat Clement, Alan Villeneuve, David Jenkins, Tim Therrien, and Helen Hiltz. Also attending, Wendy Smith, representing AVS and Sue Jenkins. Mr. Therrien thought that the meeting was very productive and a variety of good ideas were discussed. He indicated that the steering committee will be the decision making group, not an individual or specific group. Ms. Margie McEvoy and Mrs. Lisa Canavan reminded the Committee that there have been past problems agreeing on the goals for the event and agreeing on the amount and type of participation that would be allowed by groups and vendors. They also asked what was happening with the Parks and Recreation sub-committee that was working on the plans for the alternate venue. Mr. Therrien invited Ms. McEvoy and Mrs. Canavan to attend the next steering committee meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Mrs. Hiltz will give them the meeting information. Mr. Dave Nye asked if the Parks and Recreation was going to be allowed to continue with the current plan of allowing outside vendors, including food vendors, to be part of the event to raise money for the Auburn Moms Club. Mr. Therrien stated that it was too early to discuss the details, the event was being looked at on a macro level at this point with details being determined as we move forward. Mr. Therrien asked that we wait until after the next steering committee meeting before considering a recommendation to overturn last month's decision to have the August 22<sup>nd</sup> P&R event. Mr. Alex Eisman and Mr. Alan Villeneuve noted that expanding the day and having participation from both the Historical Society and the Auburn Parks and Recreation group would result in the greatest number of town's people involvement.

#### **April 1<sup>st</sup> – Field Reservation Deadline**

Mrs. Hiltz reminded the committee that the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the reservation of fields by the town supported sports leagues was coming quickly. Mrs. Hiltz has already received several field requests from private organizations. She suggested that all interested parties discuss their

needs at a meeting to be scheduled. This would, most likely, result in the needs of all being taken into consideration. Mrs. Hiltz would like the discussion to include options such as utilizing half fields for practices and the possibility of utilizing other fields at Wayne Eddows. Mr. Therrien asked Mrs. Hiltz to schedule a meeting for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Other Old Business**

Mr. Alex Eisman asked if Selectman Jim Headd had the opportunity to ask the Board of Selectmen how to best handle the drinking and smoking in the skating rink parking lot. Mr. Headd acknowledged that he did bring the issue to the table at the last BOS meeting and they had asked a police representative to investigate what could be done. Several members of the Parks and Recreation Committee had asked if police patrols could occasionally pull into the parking lot to insure that nothing illegal was taking place.

### **Other New Business**

Mrs. Hiltz stated that the lawn care contract was being put out for bid again this year. She has asked that mulch, ant treatment and weeding and care of flower beds be part of the contract.

Mrs. Hiltz asked the Committee to consider what steps they wanted to take to insure that all of the spring cleanup duties were addressed since we would probably be short a person for at least part of the season.

Mr. Nye suggested that there may be someone who would be interested in filling in to make sure that all required tasks are completed. Mr. Therrien stated that there may be other options available to acquire some volunteer labor.

### **ASC**

Mr. Pat Kelly stated that the Auburn Soccer Club now has a website [auburnsoccerclub.org](http://auburnsoccerclub.org). Mrs. Hiltz has asked to have the website posted on the Parks and Recreation page but it is posted in a very obscure location. Mrs. Hiltz will review where all of the links, etc. are placed.

Mr. Kelly noted that the ASC has met with some resistance in putting information in the Village Crier at no cost to the organization. Mr. Therrien informed Mr. Kelly that the club can forward information to Mrs. Hiltz for inclusion in the Parks and Recreation article. There should not be a cost involved since this is a town sponsored league and it is a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Department.

***Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes as written. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***

***Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alex Eisman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.***