

Parks and Recreation Meeting 1/11/2016

In attendance were Mr. Dave Nye, chairman, Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, commissioner, Mr. Alex Eisman, commissioner, Mr. Zach Eaton, alternate commissioner, Mr. Jim Headd, Selectman, Mr. Mike Dobmier, facilities and Ms. Maureen Juliano, concert coordinator. Helen Hiltz was recording minutes.

2015 EOY Budget:

Chairman Dave Nye reviewed the EOY 2015 budget numbers. Preliminary numbers show that the P&R budget ended with a \$1,279.02 surplus or 98.873% to budget.

Winter Carnival:

Mrs. Hiltz stated that DJ, Mike Ferrarini, is starting his own DJ company that will broker DJ options. While he cannot work the Winter Carnival this year, Jason "DJ Jay" Graham, has agreed to work the event for us.

Mrs. Hiltz has met with Dawn Genes, director, Massabesic Audubon Center, re a snow shoe demonstration and sponsoring a children's race on the day of the event. If possible, they would like to have a pre-registration for the event. They will be there at 2:00 for the demo, races and to spread the word about Raven's Run, a snowshoe event that they are sponsoring in February.

Mr. Mike Dobmier will contact Audrey or Chris Trickett about the kindling that they have donated for the event.

Mrs. Hiltz contacted Road Agent, Mike Dross, to ask for the Highway Department's help with the sliding hill. Mr. Dross stated that he and his crew will do anything needed, weather and snow permitting, to help with the event.

June 4th – beginning of summer event:

Mrs. Hiltz sent out notification to all sports leagues that Wayne Eddows fields were not available for sporting activities from June 3rd PM through June 5th PM.

Mrs. Hiltz has contacted Bob Pratte from "The Crush" band to find out availability and cost to play at the event. Availability has been confirmed. Fees are being negotiated.

The event subcommittee will be meeting this week. It appears as though Thursday nights seem the best for most subcommittee members.

Review of dates for 2016 P&R events:

January 30th – senior dinner

February 6th – Winter Carnival

June 4th – Summer Kickoff event

June 16th – Concert at the Gazebo

August 6th – Senior BBQ

August 18th – Concert at the Gazebo

November 5th – Coffee House

Town Report:

Mrs. Hiltz will compile information for the town report and will send the draft to Committee member's approval. The report has to be submitted by the end of January.

Other New Business:

It was noted that there has been numerous empty beer cans and other trash found by the porta pottie at the skating rink. It was requested that the Auburn Police patrol the area a little more frequently. It was also noted that right after the rinks were flooded, snowmobiles ran over the ice, damaging the surface.

Selectman Jim Headd informed the Committee that there was a warrant article being included this year to sell the old fire house property. Mr. Dobmier stated that other properties would need to be considered as the old fire house not only housed the Parks and Recreation storage and maintenance area but also served as a storage place for the Auburn Police, Lion's Club and the Auburn Village School.

Mrs. Hiltz noted that there will be a warrant article on the ballot to increase the number of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners. This is simply a house keeping issue that will allow the two alternates to become voting members of the Committee and to eliminate alternates.

Auburn Little League:

Mr. Zack Eaton volunteered to head the effort to find vendors for the fertilization and field repair.

Auburn Soccer Club:

Mrs. Hiltz stated that the field paint for the soccer fields has been received. Mr. Pat Kelly has asked Mrs. Hiltz to ask if the field repair/field scheduling can be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Auburn Moms Club:

Mrs. Stacey Shula has notified the Parks and Recreation that the AMC organization will be dissolved this year. A timeline has not been forwarded. The Committee was very disappointed to hear this news and thanked the AMC for all of their contributions to the town.

Facilities:

Mr. Dobmier stated that he has contacted Mr. Matt Myers to help out with the snow removal efforts for the storm on Wednesday as Mr. Michlete is not feeling well and he will not be available that day. Mr. Dave Nye noted that Mr. Matt Myer has been assisting the P&R in the last few months. Mrs. Margie McEvoy stated that she would be more than willing to assist with P&R efforts. Mrs. Hiltz will check with Mr. Herman to determine if there will be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Dobmier stated that the four-wheeler has been serviced and is ready to go.

Mr. Dave Nye asked Mr. Dobmier to order two pic nic tables for this year to replace heavily damaged ones. Mr. Dobmier will order the two new ones and will repair some of the old ones during this winter.

Mr. Nye and Mrs. Hiltz will be sitting down with Mr. Armand Miclette to come up with a standard operating procedure for the senior trips, in the event that Mr. Miclette needed assistance with the trips.

Minutes:

Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to accept the 12/14/2016 meeting minutes as written. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. Margie McEvoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.