

## Parks and Recreation Meeting 2/15/2016

In attendance were Mr. Dave Nye, chairman, Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, commissioner, Mr. Zach Eaton and Mr. Pat Kelly, alternate commissioners, Mr. Jim Headd, Selectman, Mr. Mike Dobmier, facilities and Mr. Chris Webster, YMCA representative. Mr. Rob Aliberti, Auburn Fire Department representative and Mr. Kevin McHugh, AVS athletic director were also present. Helen Hiltz was recording minutes.

### ***Field Schedules and work on Wayne Eddows Field:***

Mr. Kevin McHugh, AVS athletic director, supplied a copy of the AVS schedule. The boy's baseball and the girl's softball home schedules were minimal and start times were at 3:30 so there was not a concern about scheduling conflicts. A discussion ensued about the availability and process to reserve the school field. Mr. McHugh noted that a reservation request form would need to be filled out and submitted to Donna Aubin at the school. He stated that there would be fees charged to utilize the school fields, much as they are for the school to utilize the town fields. Mrs. Hiltz stated that in the six years that she has been program manager, the school has never been charged a fee for use of the town fields and that she was surprised to hear that fees would be charged to the town for use of the school field. Mrs. Hiltz will investigate further and will forward information to ASC and the YMCA.

The committee discussed the work to be done this spring. Mr. Zack Eaton stated that the irrigation vendor who was contacted last year never returned calls to him or Selectman Rick Eaton. Mr. Zack Eaton is looking for other vendors who will work with him to determine the best course of action and ultimate cost to work on diverting the irrigation system so that it can pull from the artesian well instead of the dug well. Mr. Zack Eaton has also spoken to the landscaping contractor who did some basic maintenance last fall. He does not recommend that over seeding be done in the spring. He feels that the germination and growth of crabgrass etc. will crowd out the new grass. Mr. Eaton will investigate further and we will plan on doing whatever work is recommended in the early spring. While the work is being completed and the resting period is determined, all play will be moved to the Safety Complex Field and the AVS field. This effort will dramatically restrict outside reservations. Mr. Pat Kelly requested that the ASC/FC Stars summer camp be reserved for the first week of August (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>). There is uncertainty as to whether the camp will be held at WE or the School field. Mrs. Hiltz will abide by the determination made by the Parks and Recreation Committee and allow the Auburn based leagues until April 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm their reservation. If there is any room available after that, she will use a first come first serve reservation system for social leagues and other private organizations.

### ***June 4<sup>th</sup> – Summerfest:***

Mr. Nye has asked to Auburn Fire Department and the Auburn Police Department to participate in the June 4<sup>th</sup> event. He has asked the Fire Department to actively run a carnival type game area for kids, do a touch a truck, have Smokestack Jack, etc. Mr. Rob Aliberti, fire department representative, was extremely excited about all of the fund raising opportunities. Mrs. Hiltz contacted Chief Picard to discuss how the Auburn P&R and the Auburn Police department can work together on the June 4<sup>th</sup> event. Chief Picard delegated the task of organizing the partnership, activities, etc. to Melissa Gates.

Mrs. Hiltz asked Ms. Gates if it would be possible to secure a dog demo, an impaired driving demo, etc. Ms. Gates will review the possibilities.

Mrs. Canavan is in the process of looking for vendors.

Mrs. Hiltz has secured the band "Crush", three face painters, a climbing wall, and the traveling barnyard. The Summerfest committee would like to see the Reptiles on the Move vendor and would like to investigate the possibility of having a photo booth. Mr. Chris Webster will send contact information for the vendor that the YMCA uses to Mrs. Hiltz.

Mr. Nye has confirmed that "Larry the Food Guy" will support the event with the usual fair type food.

American Fireworks presented a quote to the Auburn Parks and Recreation for a class B fireworks display on the evening of the event. Mr. Nye has asked the Board of Selectmen if it would be possible to set up an account to receive donations we are soliciting from Auburn businesses to fund the fireworks and other projects that are not able to be covered by tax payer dollars. The account will be set up. All donations will be made out to the Town of Auburn and the town will send a thank-you letter to the sponsors for tax purposes.

Mr. Nye stated that the parking area next to Wayne Eddows should be ready for use during the event. There is also another avenue that is being investigated for a walking path to the main fields. If this option proves to be a viable option, that may be available in time for the event as well.

#### ***Review of Senior Dinner:***

Mrs. Margie McEvoy reported that the senior dinner was a huge success again this year. There were ~ 75 people and 10-15 take out dinners. The seniors enjoyed the meal and the give aways. The Red Hat Ladies and the other volunteers were instrumental in making this event a success. Thank-you.

#### ***Other New Business:***

Selling the Old Fire House is one of the warrant articles on the March Ballot. Mr. Dobmier reviewed all of the organizations that are currently storing items in the Old Fire House and asked what was going to happen to all of those items. He asked Mrs. Hiltz to mention the warrant article in the P&R article in the Village Crier.

#### ***CIP's:***

Chairman Nye reported that he has submitted the following projects to the Planning Board as Capital Improvement Projects for the five year plan:

Completion of the Priscilla Lane project – phase two and three

Baseball dugouts

Walking paths at COF playground

Mr. Nye reported that he is investigating the various options that there might be to get a community center for the town.

***Auburn Little League:***

***Auburn Soccer Club:***

If the weather cooperates, Mid-March practices may start.

***Facilities:***

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.

Mrs. Hiltz will order two new pic nic tables to replace damaged ones.

The skating rink will need special attention in the spring. Water has been leaking out of it all winter long.

***Minutes:***

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to accept the 1/11/2016 meeting minutes as written. Mrs. Margie McEvoy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

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