

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
March 13, 2017**

Commissioners Present: David Nye, Margie McEvoy, Patrick Kelly, Lisa Canavan, Zach Eaton

Others Present: Mike Dobmeier, Amy Lachance (Recording Secretary)

Budget Update- Upcoming expenses expected, if the budget is passed at tomorrow's elections, including field painting machine and material needed for the kiosks and picnic tables.

Minutes- Lisa Canavan moved to accept minutes from the 2/20/17 meeting. Margie McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Summerfest/Safety Day- Date will be June 3rd. Soccer fundraiser date has been changed so there will be no conflicts. Little League has a tournament that day but they will be done in time for dinner and fireworks.

There was discussion about what name can be used for this event. The name Auburn Day is already taken for the Duck Race.

The police and fire departments have some ideas of programs for the event but no planning has started. A planning group will meet on Monday, April 10th once the Chili Cookoff is done. Exact time will be confirmed.

Dave has some vendors set for the event. Vis will be there with the ice cream truck, fireworks with American Thunder and the band "Watts Up" are set. Vendors still needed to sell fried dough and french fries. Lisa will look for contacts that have participated in the pasts.

Spring Projects- PortaPotties- No new quotes yet but Dave's will do an extra pump each week for an additional \$20. This would only be needed for the Circle of Fun and Wayne Eddows during the busy season. Amy will check on prices from other vendors to start for April 1st.

Picnic Tables- Some of the tables have been repaired over the winter but more need to be done. Those will start in warmer weather.

Circle of Fun- The bridge needs to be repaired. The park will need to be closed for a couple days during repairs. Mike requested signs for the closing. Mike also suggested the parks be closed during the winter months since the parks aren't being maintained and there are concerns for safety.

Looming and seeding also need to be done as well as adding more kid cushion. All to be done by April 1st, depending on the weather.

Wayne Eddows- The 4 Wheeler will be used at Wayne Eddows for 6 days of the week. Dave has a rover available if the town decided to purchase it. The 4 wheeler needs to be serviced. Zach will take care of that.

Pat has ordered the field paint machine for Wayne Eddows for approximately \$800. This will come from funds that weren't used on Winterfest after it was cancelled. The additional \$800 should be used for paint. With the new machine, it is unsure of how much paint will be needed. This paint should last longer.

Dave to spread gravel in the parking lot and fix the telephone poles.

Field Use Requests- Soccer field schedule is on the website. 2 soccer summer camps are OK. As for the other private groups, it's important to consider that we should limit the use of the soccer field so that the new grass can grow. When possible, move requests to the Safety Complex field.

Question from Mike, who is responsible for the Safety Complex field? If we use that field as a back up to the Wayne Eddows field, the Safety Complex field will also become run down. Dave had this discussion with the Selectmen and they want Parks and Rec to come up with a plan for maintaining all fields over the next few years. There is nothing in the budget to maintain it this year.

Question from Pat, how much do we charge for the field use? In the past we've allowed use in exchange for a discount to Auburn residents. Unsure of how many Auburn residents took advantage of that. Dave to look into the option to use the funds that are received for field use and put back in to the field maintenance. Field use cost will depend on how much use during the event.

Spring Senior Trip- Scheduled for May 31 to Gloucester for a harbor cruise and lunch. Notice is going out in the April Town Crier

Eagle Scout Project at Bicentennial Park- An Eagle Scout is proposing to dedicate a bench to Al Sandborn. Last year's monument was moved and that Eagle Scout, Carl Hadley, wants to finish the project to include shrubs and flowers. There will eventually many benches.

Little League Updates- Schedule is all set. Dates still the same. Aiming for April 8th for field opening. If weather is not cooperating, opening will be pushed off one week. Dave talked with Gemini Electric about options for the lights at Wayne Eddows. He will continue to research options.

Need to set up a walk-through of Wayne Eddows with the Selectmen to show the proposed walking bridge as well as the progress on the second parking lot. This will be set up when the weather is better.

Auburn Soccer Club- Pat is sending final schedules shortly. Season will be stretched out a bit because all games will only be on Saturdays.

Facilities- Some clean up on Circle of Fun has begun. The ice rinks were not successful this season. The leaking could not be fixed. Dave to work on options to get it fixed. We have \$3000 in budget to work on it.

Lisa Canavan moved adjourn the meeting. Margie McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed and the meeting ended at 7:00 pm.