

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
May 8, 2017**

Commissioners Present: David Nye; Margie McEvoy; Lisa Canavan

Others Present: Jim Headd, Selectman; Mike Dobmeier; Chris Webster, YMCA; Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator

New Commissioner Updates- Lisa Canavan was sworn in by Selectman, Jim Headd for her term ending in 2020. Thank you Lisa!

Dave Nye recommended Mike Dobmeier to fill the other vacant position. Since Mr. Dobmeier is also an employee of the Town, Mr. Headd will find out if he is able to serve as a Commissioner.

Budget Update- We are on schedule with budgeted repairs. A few unexpected repairs needed to be completed due to vandalism. Wayne Eddows parking lot was all torn up over the winter months and needed to be regraded. It was suggested that since it tends to be an annual repair that we should add it to the next budget. It was also suggested that a gate be added to the entrance to deter vandals from entering the parking lot. Although it was added and cut in the past, P&R will include it in the 2018 budget.

Minutes- Ms. Canavan moved to accept minutes from the 04/10/17 meeting. Margie McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Home Day Progress- Lots of progress has been made and we are now finalizing the details. Fireworks, climbing wall, emergency vehicles, lots of food vendors and so much more. We are working to close a portion of Eaton Hill Road in from of the Safety Complex for the event. Lots of volunteers will be available from various community groups. Picnic tables are set as well as porta-potties are ordered.

The event has been advertised through Facebook and the Town Crier. An electric sign will be place at exit 2 the week before the event. There has been some confusion if this event will replace the Annual Duck Day. It is not replacing Duck Day and was answered to those who asked.

Spring Senior Trip- Gloucester harbor tour is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31. We are full with a few residents following the bus in their cars. There is a waiting list. We will bring a cooler of water and snacks on the bus for the ride down and back.

Summer Concert Series- Maureen Juliano emailed and said that everything on her end is all set. Mr. Nye and Ms. McEvoy will pick up all the supplies and food for the event at the beginning of

the month. The signs will also go out around Town on June 1st. The current banners may need to be replaced. They are around 6 years old. AVS student will be there to sing the national anthem. Ms. Juliano also secured items for the raffle prizes.

Summer Running Program- The Selectmen approved the new summer running program. The funds will not be coming from the budget. Instead it will be funded by the participants. Ms. Lachance will check on if we need to have roads closed for the students to safely run around town. More details will be available at the next meeting.

Veteran's Flags at the Cemeteries- Flags are in and Mike Ouellette with the Boy Scouts will put them out on May 22nd.

Playdate in the Park- Kindergarten teachers are on board for the event for late August. Fire department will bring a truck for a mid-summer date and the Library will do a date in July. The final dates will be set shortly and will appear in the next Town Crier.

New Commissioner- BK Bazan was approved by the Board of Selectmen and will need to stop by the Town Offices to be sworn in. Welcome BK! As discussed earlier, the Commission still has one more vacancy that needs to be filled.

Auburn Soccer Club- Pat Kelly sent along a message to the Commission with updates since he was not able to be at the meeting. The fertilizer treatment started last Friday. Paint lining machine came but had some damage so it will be returned for replacements. Mr. Kelly said he talked with Chris Webster about the scheduling conflicts.

YMCA Programs- Soccer numbers are down a little but that may be due to baseball season. Flag Football started and there has been good attendance.

Facilities Updates- Seasonal maintenance is on schedule. Kid cushion is down and the bill has already been paid. The structure stairs need to be returned and replaced. Basketball nets need to be put up (nets already purchased). The merry-go-rounds need to be swapped. Teeter-totter at Wayne Eddows needs to be moved. Bridges at Circle of Fun still need to be replaced. The park will need to be closed during these repairs.

Mr. Dobmeier has been using his personal truck for Parks and Recreation projects. Unfortunately his truck recently broke so they are limited on how and what can be done for the parks at this point. The Commission may need to look into getting their own truck in the future.

The bill from Kent came in for the septic pumping. Since there is no money in our budget for this repair, and our budget is so tight this year, we'll see if Little League is able to pay it. If not, we'll look into other options.

Ms. McEvoy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Canavan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.