

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
September 11, 2017**

Commissioners Present: David Nye; Margie McEvoy; Lisa Canavan; Pat Kelly; BK Bazan; Zach Eaton

Others Present: Chris Webster, YMCA; Maureen Juliano; Keith Leclair

Budget Update- Final Senior Trip is coming up. Bus is already paid for and only the train admission is left to pay. Coffee House will cost around \$400 and we should have enough. Senior BBQ food has been paid for but needs to be put into the correct line on the budget. General Maintenance will be used up to take down the tree in front of the gazebo at the Circle of Fun playground. The tree is dead and could be a danger. Mr. Nye called the Manchester Waterworks for permission to remove the dead tree. Mr. Nye is also working on finding a solution to fix the curbing at the Ice Rink. The plan is to bring in asphalt to reshape the curbs and then rubberize seal the whole rink.

Community Service Award- The Parks and Recreation Commission awards a member of the community that goes above and beyond for people of Auburn. This year, the Helen Hiltz Community Service Awards go to Lisa Canavan and Melissa Gates. Melissa was not able to be at this meeting so she will be presented with the award the following day.

Trunk or Treat- Parks and Rec along with Melissa Gates from the Safety Complex have been planning this new event. It has been published in the Crier. There was so confusion if this event will be replacing the town trick or trick. Trunk or Treat, which is from 5-7, is not replacing the town's trick or tricking, which is 1-4. Both will be held on Sunday, October 29th. This gives residents 2 options to celebrate Halloween. Location is to be determined based on the number of registered participants. We have scheduled a DJ as well. More details to come as we get closer.

Auburn Soccer and YMCA field use- Mr. Kelly from ASC and Mr. Webster from YMCA have worked together to come up with a plan to share the fields at Wayne Eddows and Safety Complex. With YMCA ending at 5:30 pm, ASC is able to use the fields a little earlier than planned. Some practices/games had to be moved because we have run out of room for parking. It's one more reason to need the walking path to the second parking lot. With all that is happening between ASC, YMCA and Auburn Village School teams, there doesn't look like there will be any overlapping.

Going forward, the goals will need to be secured to prevent any injuries. Sandbags will be used to keep them from tipping over. Mr. Kelly is looking into anchor stakes to keep them down.

2018 Budget- Budgets are due soon. First the budget will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and then to the Budget Committee. The Parks and Recreation budget is almost complete with only 2 price estimates needed. Recreation Improvements line for the aeration and over seeding is also still in need of accurate estimates. Mr. Kelly will send those estimates from Mainly Grass.

Coffee House Concert- Ms. Juliano reported that everything is all set. She would like to post signs in the center of town. Ms. Juliano will also confirm with the school so we can set up early on the morning of the concert.

Creative Movement- This new program was planned to begin last week with 4 registered participants. Unfortunately, due to family issues, the class had to be postponed. Also, the instructor just accepted a full time job so she will no longer be able to teach in the mornings. This may work out fine if she is able to teach in the afternoon with a few residents had requested an afternoon class. More details will be coming shortly.

Babysitting Class- This program is set to start in November. Details will be available in the next Crier.

Senior Trip to Lincoln- There is still about 10 seats available. The foliage train trip is schedule for Wednesday, October 4th.

Irrigation at Wayne Eddows- Mr. Eaton discussed the payment for the sprinklers added at Wayne Eddows in the fall of 2016. November 6, 2016 was when it was decided to be done and March 6, 2017 the invoice was submitted to the town for payment. At that point, Mr. Eaton was told that it wasn't in the 2016 or 2017 budget and could not be paid. He is now asking if it can be paid through the town or if ASC can pay part. Both Mr. Kelly and Mr. Eaton recalled that after several meetings with the Board of Selectmen that they also agreed that there should be some sort of irrigation system at Wayne Eddows. Ms. Lachance will find the minutes to those meetings and if needed, schedule a time for Little League and Auburn Soccer Club to meet with the Selectmen to discuss this issue.

Dugouts at Wayne Eddows Update- Four dugouts will be completed by the end of the season. We have enough to do 5 but not all 6 as originally planned. The building inspector visited the site and said a slab would be fine, just like a shed. The work will be continuing in about 2 weeks.

Faculties Update- Mr. Bazan would like to meet with Mr. Dobmeier to check out the security cameras at Wayne Eddows. They do work but doesn't seem that they are recording.

Little League Update- One Fall Ball team is happening this season. There are also two softball teams practicing. Mr. Eaton discussed the condition of the junior's field. The outfield is in poor condition. Little League decided to hold off on fixing that for now since only the AVS team uses that field at this point.

The breakers for the lights at Wayne Eddows keep shutting down. The wires are getting very hot to the touch. Mr. Eaton did some work on it that helped but have not completely solved the problem. This issue needs to addressed at some point in the future.

Auburn Soccer Club- Opening weekend was this past weekend. The Auburn Soccer Club is growing and is no longer known as the "secret soccer club".

YMCA Programs- All is good.

Review of Minutes-

Ms. Canavan motioned to approve the minutes from August 14, 2017. Ms. McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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