

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

**Commissioners Present:** Dave Nye, Chairman; Margie McEvoy; Zach Eaton, Pat Kelly; BK Bazan

**Others Present:** Jim Headd, Selectman; Mike Dobmeier, Facilities Maintenance; Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Julie Glosner

**Budget Update-** As we are finishing up the 2017 budget year, we have approximately \$2000 left. A couple projects are still underway and bills are coming in. As the year ends, we should be OK.

The 2018 budget has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Final step is the town vote in March. Good job everyone.

**Winter Carnival-** The date is set for Saturday, February 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Safety Complex. The DJ is booked. Ms. Lachance talked to the Fire Department and they are all set. They did ask if we had any tarps to cover the trees so they stay dry when dropped off so they are easy to burn. Mr. Dobmeier said we had plenty of tarps to use.

The Boy Scouts are again going to be offering to pick up trees for a donation. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and cocoa. We will also have a marshmallow pit for toasting marshmallows. Alex Eisman has a pit we can use and Ms. McEvoy has the roasting sticks. Mike Dross said they will make a sled hill if we have enough snow.

Mr. Dobmeier suggested a “dog sled” race where teams are set up with the kids pulling the sleds. We could set up a race track for kids to pull to sleds. If we have time, we’ll try it this year. If not, we’ll try it next year.

**Holiday Movie Night-** Holiday movie night was cancelled since we didn’t have enough prep time to plan a successful event. We’ll try it again next year.

**Town Wide Yard Sale-** It has been discussed in the past and now’s the time that we should start with some planning. We were thinking about the possibility of either April or May of 2018. Ms. McEvoy will talk with the planners at Longmeadow Church to either plan ours the same day or purposely do a different day so our event doesn’t hurt their annual yard sale.

Mr. Bazan suggested a “Spring Spruce-Up” event. This event would help residents get rid of old items around the house. Possibly the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts could help take away some of their old items. We could have dumpsters available. Possibly this could tie into the same

event. Mr. Bazan will check with some town scouts to see if there is any interest. Ms. Glosner suggested the Liberty House or the Epilepsy Foundation might be interested in picking up.

**Recreation Revolving Fund-** The warrant article for establishing a Recreation Revolving Fund has been passed by the Board of Selectmen. It will need to go through the Budget Committee next and then it will be added to the ballot for the March election.

### **Warrant Article – Recreation Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B: 2, II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation programs and donations shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's general fund. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same upon order of the Board of Selectmen. These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B and subject to a policy to be developed by the Board of Selectmen. No expenditure from this fund shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

This account is separate from the operating budget. Any leftover funds in the operating budget at the end of the year will not be transferred into the revolving account.

**Facilities Update-** The parks are all shut down of the winter. The picnic tables have been stored in the gazebo at Circle of Fun and under cover at Wayne Eddows. All the benches and trash cans are in as well. The ice rink is plugged up and ready for water and cold weather. Lights at the basketball courts and Circle of Fun have been shut off for the winter.

Mr. Dobmeier expressed concern that the cemetery leaves are being blown on to the ice rink by their landscapers. It takes a great deal of time to clean the rinks off again.

**Little League-** All done for the season. Dugouts are almost done. Hopefully by the end of the week

**Soccer-** Nets are ready for the winter. Everything is cleaned out of the shed. That door is broken and snow will be getting in. Mr. Dobmeier offered to put on a temporary fix to get it through the winter. In the spring, Mr. Kelly is looking into a roll up steel door.

**Review of Minutes-** Ms. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from November 13, 2017. Mr. Nye seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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