

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
January 8, 2018**

Commissioners Present: Dave Nye, Co- Chairman; Lisa Canavan, Co-Chairman; Margie McEvoy; Zach Eaton, Pat Kelly

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

Senior Dinner- The invitations have been sent out and responses have been coming in to Ms. McEvoy. Volunteers are lined up, church is book and all the food is purchased. Everything is ready to go. Anyone interested in volunteering should arrive at 10:00 am at Longmeadow church.

Winter Carnival- Trees are starting to come in to the Safety Complex. Ms. McEvoy will drop off a tarp the fire department to cover the trees. Mr. Nye will be picking up the fire ring for roasting marshmallows. Hot dogs and hamburgers are all set. Ms. McEvoy will also pick up the hot chocolate. Ms. Lachance has made arrangements with Mike Dross, Road Agent, to build a sledding hill at the Safety Complex for the event. Ms. Lachance also confirmed the DJ. This event is also ready to go.

Town-wide Yard Sale- The date of Saturday, May 5th was suggested for the new town yard sale. Mr. Eaton informed the group that May 5th is also the day of the Little League Opening Day, a very popular town event. Ms. McEvoy discussed our idea with Mary from Longmeadow who also traditionally does a church yard sale. She was fine with whatever the Commission decides. They may sell tables the same day for people who don't want to host a sale at their own homes. Tiny Tots also has a yard sale but it usually is held in April so there shouldn't be a conflict there. The best option to hold the new Town wide Yard Sale is Saturday, May 12th. Now we will start planning.

Summer Adventure Camp- Ms. Lachance has meet with AVS Principal, Lori Collins as well as 4 AVS teachers and the idea was well received. This camp will start at the school where the campers will get on the school bus and head out on an adventure for the day. This camp will be for students who will be entering grades 5-8. We will try out 1 week this year, probably August 6-10. It should all be lined up by the end of January and ready to be advertised in February.

New Business- Mr. Nye has the fireworks scheduled for the Old Home Day on June 9th. The price will remain the same. The planning committee will start meeting with Melissa Gates and the Fire Chief after the 2 winter events are done. The first of the gates for Wayne Eddows will be built by Mr. Nye over the winter so it's ready to be installed in the spring.

Storage Building Update- Mr. Headd reported that the storage building proposal was turned down by the budget committee. They had a lot of concerns including who would be in charge of the building and why is a sink needed. Selectman Rick Eaton has schedule another meeting with the budget committee this week to make another presentation.

Facilities Update- Mr. Dobmeier emailed a report that the Little League agreed to pay for the tune up of the 4-wheeler. Mr. Eaton confirmed that P&R paid for the last service so Little League paid for this one.

The ice skating rink has been opened for a few weeks now. If the rink is usable, Mr. Dobmeier will need to be sure it's cleared off daily.

Little League- Registrations for Little League and Softball will be open by the end of the month. Mr. Nye will be in before opening day to regrade the parking lot since people are still coming in and tearing up the lot. Parks and Rec has purchased new camera for the lot to catch the drivers who come in and destroy the lot. One camera's feed is sent to a cell phone for quick response.

Mr. Eaton reported that all 4 dugouts have been completed. Benches are in but need to be painted. The fences need to be finished up before the season begins.

Soccer- The Auburn Soccer Club will be working on their spring schedules shortly. It is expected that they will have the same number of teams this spring.

Once the new budget is approved, some of the projects at Wayne Eddows will begin. Mr. Kelly will purchase the paint and necessary soccer supplies for the season. The soccer shed door will need to have a more permanent fix. Mr. Eaton discussed moving one of the shed. Mr. Nye offered to help. The wall ball will also begin construction.

Mr. Eaton discussed the roof of the building at Wayne Eddows will need some repairs. After the most recent storm, many shingles fell off. Mr. Nye will look into getting a price for those repairs. The roof is getting very brittle. It has been around 12 years since it was replaced.

YMCA- The ground anchors the YMCA purchased for the small goals have arrived. They will be in for the spring.

Mr. Webster will be sending in the facility usage agreement for the spring and fall activities. He asked if we will still be using the numbered fields as they did in the fall. Mr. Kelly asked if the YMCA wanted to use the Safety Complex field for all YMCA programs this year. Mr. Webster said he would be requesting field space at Wayne Eddows. There was discussion about how to split up the field into three sections. Mr. Webster offered to move to different days of the week if necessary but is looking at needing one section.

The YMCA will be starting a new “kids on the move” running program in the spring. The program is 10 weeks where they will be meeting twice a week and ending with the group running at 5K. Kids on the Move will be open to 20 girls and boys in grades 3 and 4.

The discussion returned to the field space at Wayne Eddows for the YMCA and ASC soccer programs for the fall. Mr. Kelly voiced his concern for the need for space at Wayne Eddows. Mr. Webster commented that he could move the spring soccer program to the Safety Complex field if there was a shed but with fall soccer being three days a week, the Safety Complex was not an option. Mr. Nye explained some of this year’s plans to fix up the Safety Complex field.

With all the work that the Parks and Rec is planning to put into the Safety Complex field, Mr. Nye voiced his concern with the Suckerbrook bike race using that field as part of their course. The bikes tear up the field every year. More discussion will have to take place as that event gets closer.

Review of Minutes- Ms. Canavan motioned to approve the minutes from December 11, 2017. Mr. Nye seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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