

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
March 12, 2018**

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

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Mike Dobmeier, Facilities Maintenance; Dave Oliveira; Maureen Juliano; Chris Webster

Budget Update- Not too much has been spent from the 2018 budget. We've completed the Senior Dinner and the Winter Carnival. The picnic tables have been purchased and prepared, brush has been cleared, and work on the gates has begun.

Soccer Field Use- Both Auburn Soccer Club and the YMCA Soccer program have times overlapping where they both have requested to use the Wayne Eddows Soccer Field. The only conflict is in the fall during the week during practice time. We will divide the field into 3 sections, one section will go to ASC, one to YMCA and Mr. Kelly and Mr. Webster will work together to share the third section. Mr. Kelly said the ASC's heaviest days are Tuesdays and Thursdays since those are the days when the trainers are here. Mr. Webster offered to switch his days to Mondays and Wednesdays. In the fall, ASC will use the whole field on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a third of the field on Mondays and Wednesdays while YMCA will use another third of the field on Monday and Wednesday.

Summer Concert Series- The Auburn Firemen's Association offered to sponsor an additional summer concert this year. Thanks to them, we are able to add in "The Three Old Guys" concert on Thursday, July 19th.

Old Home Day Planning- The OHD will be held on Saturday, June 9th. The first planning meeting will be held this week. More details to come.

Senior Trip- The spring senior trip is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th on the Sophie C, the mail boat for Lake Winnepesaukee. After the cruise, we will have lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm.

Facilities Updates- Mr. Nye reported that shortly the kid cushion will be ordered for the playgrounds, the apron on the skating rink will be paved, and stripe the courts and the handicapped parking area. He also reported that the skating rink didn't end up holding the water this year. It started out fine but when the frost came in, it was lifted and the water leaked out. Unfortunately, we do not have any funds to fix it this year.

Mr. Nye has also started some planning work on installing the wallball wall at the Circle of Fun.

Ms. Lachance discussed a plan to use one of the skating rinks as a pickleball court in the spring and summer. Pickleball is game, similar to tennis with a smaller court, lower net and a hard wiffle ball style ball. We could be able to set up a temporary court this year to see if there is interest.

Mr. Dobmeier reported that they were able to get a lot of work done at the parks during the warm spell a few weeks ago. Once the snow is gone, we are ready to go.

2019 Budget- The Board of Selectmen have announced that this year, our budget will need to be passed in by August 15, 2018. They plan to have all town budgets submitted at the same time instead of in pieces.

Auburn Little League- Mr. Eaton has reported that the dugouts that were started in the fall are complete. He has started planning for the last 2 dugouts at the T-ball field. He will also have the old fences fixed and tied into the new fences. The new projects that were proposed in the 2018 budget will be done in the summer.

April 14th will be the field cleanup day at Wayne Eddows. Mr. Eaton has requested the four-wheeler by the first week of April. The Little League paid to have it serviced in the fall. Evaluations will be on March 25th with the schedules coming out two weeks later. Opening day is scheduled for May 5th. The Big Family Day, "BFD", is schedule for the Saturday after school gets out. At this point, that would be Saturday, June 16th.

Mr. Eaton asked when the mowing will begin this year and who is doing it. Last year they started too late in the season. The Selectmen will put the job out to bid. The Commission was not happy with the company that did the mowing last year, ASAP. It will be ideal for them to be ready mid-April.

Mr. Nye mentioned that a shed is needed at the Safety Complex. Mr. Eaton commented that there is one shed at Wayne Eddows that doesn't get much use and could be moved to the Safety Complex field.

Auburn Soccer Club- Mr. Kelly reported that the Auburn Soccer Club has started with their scheduling for the spring season. He also asked about the fertilizer treatments and if he has started with the new company. John Savage from Mainly Grass contacted Mr. Kelly to see if he could submit another estimate. Ms. Lachance said that the decision was made by the Selectmen.

Mr. Nye also brought up concern with the annual Sucker Brook Bike Race that has been held at the Safety Complex Field. The field gets torn up with all the bikes on it each year. If we are planning to spend funds to get that field into good shape, do we still want a bike race on it that may damage it. We will need to discuss the concern with Jack Chapman to see what other options we have.

YMCA Programs- The spring programs are almost ready. The spring they will be offering soccer, flag football and a new running program.

Review of Minutes- Ms. Canavan motioned to approve the minutes from February 12, 2018. Ms. McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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