

**Town of Auburn  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
April 9, 2018**

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

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

**Budget Update-** Some of the spring projects are completed. The new soccer benches are installed at the Safety Complex field. The tree limbs at Circle of Fun have been taken down and will be removed tomorrow. The two new gates have been installed at the Wayne Eddows fields.

Mr. Kelly said there were tire tracks at Wayne Eddows, around the playground area. Nobody from Parks and Rec was down there and on the field with a vehicle. Mr. Kelly suggested that the area be repaired while the ground is still soft. Mr. Nye also said that he will be grading the parking lot shortly since that also has ruts on it. We have purchased two new video cameras for Wayne Eddows. Mr. Bazan will be installing them shortly.

Mr. Kelly also discussed the new doors for the soccer shed. We have \$300 in the budget for this project. He researched a steel roll up door that comes to \$550 with shipping. Because the field paint came in \$200 under budget, Mr. Kelly asked to use that difference to pay for this door. Mr. Nye agreed.

Mr. Nye asked Mr. Eaton if the Little League is OK to give up the small shed at Wayne Eddows to bring it to the Safety Complex field. Mr. Eaton said that will work but they need to clean it out first. That should be done this week.

**Old Home Day-** Planning is underway. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. Fireworks are all lined up. The planning group has divided jobs so that everything will get one. Ms. Lachance spoke the President of the PTA to see if they would like to hold their annual Color Run on the same day as Old Home Day. They had to postpone it from April because of weather so this may be a good option for them and for us. We'll find out more once they have a chance to discuss and see if they will have enough volunteers to run it.

**Town-Wide Yard Sale-** We have 28 houses registered at this point with more coming in every day. The maps will be dropped off the first week in May to the Safety Complex, Town Hall and Library. There will also be a link online to download the map. On the day of the event, there will be map pick up location at the Town Hall. We have a couple high school students who have volunteered to work at that table. This event is rain or shine.

**Mowing Contract-** Mr. Eaton, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Dobmeier met with Don from ASAP today to discuss correcting issues from last year. They did agree to all that was suggested and expectations were set. Last year they would come to Wayne Eddows to dump their clippings from other jobs. This year they will dump the clippings in a better location. Cutting the area behind the fields was also discussed. Even though it was in the contract, they said they did not do it last year. Their plan is to mow Wayne Eddows on Thursday with the latest on Friday mornings.

**Old Business-** Mr. Nye discussed the need to repair at least one skating rink by next season. The water held for a while at the beginning of the season but then failed as the weather fluctuated. He suggested we talk with the Board of Selectmen to see if there is any funding available to make the necessary repairs. Mr. Eaton offered some large, thick plastic sheets that could be used as a back up plan to cover the rinks to hold the water.

**Memorial Bench for Helen Hiltz-** Donations have been made for the Commission to purchase a memorial bench in honor of Helen Hiltz. So far, we have \$350 with Mr. Nye and Ms. Juliano offering donations to bring it up over \$600. The plan is to get a bench similar to Dave's bench at Circle of Fun.

**Family Dodgeball-** This event was cancelled as only 2 families registered. We'll try again at a later date.

**2019 Budget-** The 2019 budget is due by August this year. We will need to meet soon to get it submitted on it. Mr. Nye discussed the Board of Selectmen's plan to possibly restructure the Parks and Recreation department as one of their 2018 goals. No decisions have been made at this point. Ms. Lachance will notify the Commission when more information is available.

**Facilities Updates-** Spring prep is underway. Mr. Dobmeier reported that the picnic tables are out. 3 or 4 will need to be removed while 4 new ones have been added. Mr. Nye made a P&R branding iron so all the picnic tables are now labeled.

With the new gate at Wayne Eddows, Waste Management has been contacted so they can come and empty the dumpster. Again, lots of household junk has been dumped in the Wayne Eddows dumpster.

**Little League-** Field clean up is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Centerline fence is going in this week and the fence will be tied to dugouts. The gates for the 90' dugout will also be fixed. A section of the fence at the farm field will also be tied in. School practices will be held off for a week as Wayne Eddows fields are still wet.

Water was turned on last week. There was a broken pipe. It was capped off. Mr. Eaton is working to get it repaired.

Mr. Eaton will get a price on a new roof for the clubhouse at Wayne Eddows. Shingles have been falling off since the winter. It's from the top section, the oldest section, of the roof.

The new dugouts for the tball field were discussed. The plan is an open design so the parents are still able to see and help with their small children.

Auburn Soccer Club- Field paint has been ordered. Mr. Kelly has found a new company to order paint that is less. New wheels for the big goals are installed. A new set of nets for the medium goal will be purchased in the fall. Games will be starting April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Review of Minutes-** There was a correction to the minutes under "Soccer Field Use. The last sentence should read "In the fall, ASC will use the whole field on Tuesdays and Thursday and a third of the field on Mondays and Wednesdays while YMCA will use another third of the field on Mondays and Wednesdays. "Ms. Canavan motioned to approve the minutes from March 12, 2018 with corrections. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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