

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
May 14, 2018**

Commissioners Present: Dave Nye, Co- Chairman; Pat Kelly; Margie McEvoy

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Mike Dobmeier, Facilities Maintenance

Project updates- Mr. Nye reported that the parking lots at Circle of Fun and Wayne Eddows have been graded. Alliance will be out next week to spray the kid cushion at Appletree park. Mr. Dobmeier will be picking up the handles for the lion structure at the Circle of Fun. Other than the basketball backboards, the spring projects have been completed.

Ms. McEvoy reported that the parks need bark mulch. P&R do not have it in their budget but it is not in the mowing contract. Ms. Lachance will ask if we can do it and how to pay for it.

Ms. McEvoy has also reported that Circle of Fun and Veteran's Park have not been mowed yet this year. ASAP is supposed to mow once a week and have not yet. They did do Wayne Eddows twice as scheduled.

Old Home Day- The committee will be meeting tomorrow (5/15/18) to finish up the plan for the event. Auburn Soccer Club will look into the possibility of selling glow necklaces at the fireworks as a fundraiser for their group. Mr. Kelly will discuss that with the ASC.

A wagon is still needed to help with transportation. A dumpster is also needed for the event. Ms. Lachance will make arrangements.

Town-Wide Yard Sale- 69 houses participated. Great turn out for the first year. Lots of positive feedback on the event. Will host it again next year.

Mowing Contract- As discussed above, ASAP hasn't been to Circle of Fun or Veteran's park yet. They have done Wayne Eddows as planned.

Helen's Memorial Bench- Ms. McEvoy suggested that instead of a granite bench, we install a colorful park style bench on the edge of the park. Those benches, that were installed last year, get a lot of use. We can add a plaque in honor of Helen to one. If we have anything left over, perhaps we could install 2. Ms. Lachance will talk with the donors to see if they are in favor of that idea before we go forward.

Ms. McEvoy made a motion to change from a granite bench to the park bench with plaque (or 2 if we have the funds) in honor of Helen Hiltz. Mr. Kelly seconded with motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Eddows Cameras- Mr. Bazan and Mr. Dobmeier will be working together this week to install cameras at the Wayne Eddows fields. This camera will go to a cell phone as well as save the information to a memory card. There haven't been any issues at Wayne Eddows lately, but the new gate has been left open. Keeping it closed helps keep the parking lot in good condition.

2019 Budget- Now is the time to come up with a list of items needed and projects for 2019. Budgets are due by August 1. Mr. Nye suggested that we need a fence at the Safety Complex field. There have been tire tracks on the field, so a fence would keep them off. This is important not only to keep the field in good condition but also important for safety. He also suggested we order 4 more benches at the Safety Complex field similar to the 2 we bought last year.

Private Parties at the Park- An article was submitted for the June/July Crier asking anyone who holds a party at the Circle of Fun, and has a lot of trash, to carry it out of the park so the trash barrels aren't left full over the weekend. Mr. Nye requested that 2 more trash barrel are added to the park, so it doesn't over flow.

Summer Concerts- Band is all set for the first concert in June. This concert is funded by the Auburn Volunteer Firemen's Association. The food will be purchased after the OHD. Ms. Juliano emailed to say that everything is ready on her end. We'll need to put out the signs as the event gets a little closer.

Playdate in the Park- We will have one Playdate each week throughout July and August. This event is no cost to the town.

Senior BBQ- This year the event will be held at Longmeadow Church since we can no longer fit in the Safety Complex meeting room. The BBQ will be held on August 11th. An invitation is going in the Crier for June/July.

Facilities Update- Mr. Dobmeier reported that picnic tables and trash cans are all out. The flags are ready for the firemen to put up in the village. The bricks are fixed in Veteran's Park. WE flag poles are ready. A couple picnic tables need to be painted and repaired.

Auburn Soccer Club- It was a wet start but soccer season is in full swing. Mr. Kelly plans to install a roll up door on the shed that needs to be replaced once the season slows down. He will measure the door to be sure it will fit. Mr. Nye asked him to also measure the other shed since it will not be moved to the Safety Complex. The doors cost approximately \$550 with shipping.

Review of Minutes- Ms. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from April 9, 2018. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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