

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
February 11, 2019**

Commissioners Present: Lisa Canavan, Chairman; Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Pat Kelly; Dave Oliveira; Mary Royer; Jim Headd, Selectman

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

Budget Update- Since it's the beginning of the 2019 budget, not much has been spent so there is no update yet.

Winter Carnival- The Winter Carnival was rescheduled to Saturday, February 16th, 4:00-7:00 pm. The forecast for that date now shows the potential for rain but there is ice in the rink. If we have to postpone again, we shouldn't go further than this weekend. Either way, the Christmas Trees are at the Safety Complex and will need to be burned. A decision will be made on Wednesday whether the event will be either Saturday, February 16 or Sunday, February 17, with or without ice. Mike Mozer, President of Fire Association, has arranged to have extra firefighters on hand to help with the event.

At the event, a local realtor will be giving out hot chocolate and a girl scout troop will be selling cookies.

In 2020, the Winter Carnival will be held on January 11. Moving it to earlier in the winter may give us a better chance of having cold weather and ice on the rinks. If there is a football playoff game that day, we'll see about bringing in a TV to show the game. The Senior Dinner will be January 25 so there will be no conflict.

Summer Camps- Registrations are going really well. Camp Adventure only has 10 spots left out of 40. Basketball Camp is getting a good response as well and is about half full so far. If we aren't full by April, we'll post an ad in the Union Leader.

Senior Dinner- 83 residents were served along with 15 take outs. Although the event was full, after multiple cancellations, everyone on the waitlist was able to attend. 4th graders at AVS made the Chinese New Year banners that were a hit. Next year is already planned for January 25th at Longmeadow Church again.

Skating Rink- We need to set a plan on clearing the snow at the skating rink. Mike Dross's team has been plowing this season when there was a lot of snow. Although we appreciate the help, those large plows might not be the best for these rinks. There was discussion about using the 4-wheeler and plow or a snowblower when there are smaller amounts of snow. Mr. Dobmeier stated that depending on the snow, the snowblower could take hours while the large plows only take minutes. For this next storm, we will continue to have the large plows continue to plow as they have been and then Mr. Dobmeier and go out with either the 4-wheeler or snowblower to clean it up.

To this point, the water has been holding pretty well. Although with the fluctuating temperatures, it does appear that the air bubbles under the ice are showing that there has been some leaking on the small rink. We'll keep a close eye on it.

Dedication Bricks at the Circle of Fun- There have been many requests to purchase bricks to continue the path at the Circle of Fun playground. This was a Moms Club fundraiser 10+ years ago. Ms. Lachance has got some estimates for the engraved bricks which could cost approximately \$19 each. During the Moms Club fundraiser, they charged \$50 per brick. We will do the same to be consistent. Ms. Lachance will look into any additional costs to install the bricks and replace any broken bricks. Ms. McEvoy commented that there are many blank bricks in as placeholders and those can come out when the new bricks come in. Mr. Dobmeier requested that all bricks come in at the same time so it only will be done once. We will set a deadline on ordering the bricks so that can happen. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Summer Concerts- Ms. Juliano is working on scheduling the bands for the summer concerts. They will be held on Thursday, June 20 and August 15, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Circle of Fun.

Town-Wide Yard Sale- The second annual sale is set for Saturday, May 11th, 8:00-2:00. The Longmeadow Church is not going to hold their sale on the same day. Theirs will be June 1st. The boy scouts asked to do their Krispie Kreme donut fundraiser at the sale. They will be set up at the Town Hall along with the map pick up location. We do have some signs left from last year. This year we will also have signs with "Yard Sale this way" and an arrow pointing towards that neighborhood. This was requested last year to help shoppers find the sales. They will be handed out as needed/requested or place is strategic locations. There will also be a map online.

Current Programs- Teen Painting night is slow with registrations. It will be in the next Crier and is online. Junior Chef was almost full with 15 registrations. The program was open to K-8 but most were K-4. Many were last minute sign ups. We paid the church \$50 for the 3 sessions.

Easter Egg Hunt- There have been requests for a Town Easter Egg Hunt. Although time is tight this year, we'll try to do it next year.

Audubon Earth Day Event- We were contacted by the Audubon to see if we would like a table at their event where we would host an event and could hand out our information. Since we are already stretched a bit thin this year, we'll pass this time and hope to join in next year.

Facilities Update- It's been a fairly mild winter and people have been able to get out and enjoy the parks. Some trees came down at Appletree parks and it was cleared out.

Auburn Soccer Club- Spring registration is underway. ASC will need to provide an updated insurance form and field use form. ASC will not need the Safety Complex field in the spring.

Little League- Although Mr. Eaton was not present, he sent an update for Little League. Registration open by the end of the week. AVS gym clinics will be mid-March with evaluations at the end of March. Team practices will start at the beginning of April and opening day week will be the week after April vacation.

Review of Minutes- Ms. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from January 14, 2019. Ms Canavan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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