

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

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

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator;

Budget Update- New budget will be voted on at the election tomorrow. Next month we will have the new budget and start rolling on the new projects.

Swearing in Commissioner- Zach Eaton was sworn in to continue as a P&R Commissioner by Selectman Jim Headd. His term will be up in March 2021. His last term was up in 2018 but it was missed. Thank you to Zach for serving on the Commission again.

Thanks to Outgoing Selectman- A plaque was presented to Selectman Jim Headd for serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission for many years. Thank you, Jim, for all your work on our behalf.

Winter Carnival- The Winter Carnival was held on February 16 after being delayed a week with hopes of the ice freezing in time. Unfortunately, there was not ice in the rinks but the kids had a good time anyway. Thank you to Zach for creating the snowman cut out and thanks to all who helped out that evening. Next year, we should add more activities to the event such as snowshoeing like we did a few years ago. Without the ice, there wasn't much for people to do. We are moving the date up to January 11, 2020 and hope the earlier date will give us a better opportunity to have ice.

Summer Camps- Camp Adventure is almost full at 40 kids. Basketball camp had to change locations after the school notified us that they needed to use the gym for storage for the summer. Now the camp will be held at the First Assembly/Tower Hill Church. The Church is allowing us to use the gym for \$200 for the week. It was not an expense that was planned when setting the price of the camp but as long as the camp is full, we'll still be able to break even. Registrations are going well.

Ice Skating Rinks- The rinks are officially closed for the season. They were completely dry last week. Amy and Dave will be working on a solution to present to the Commission for repairing the rinks so the water won't leak out anymore. Amy was in touch with a NiceRink rep to discuss options of a temporary style rink (with sides and liners that will be put away at the end of the year) to see if that may be an option.

Dedication Bricks- We will be using Star Granite again. They were the same company that the Moms Club used in 2012. Margie and Mike will be able to do the work and the supplies will be at most \$150. It was proposed that the bricks be sold for \$50 each and any leftover funds will go towards a new special event such as an Egg Hunt or Community Movie Night. The bricks will be placed near the gazebo instead of the current path as that's a spot that gets damaged in the winter. *Ms. Canavan made a motion to sell the bricks at \$50 each. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* The order form will go in the April Crier and will be accepted until June 30th.

Summer Concerts- The concerts will be held on June 20 and August 15. The bands performing will be Blacklite and the Bob Pratte Band.

Town-Wide Yard Sale- This is the second year of this event. It will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Maps will be available online and at the Town Hall that day from 7:30 am until noon. A boy scout troop will also be set up selling Krispy Kreme Donuts at the Town Hall too until they are sold out. The Historical Society's annual plant sale and shred day will also be that same day. In addition to the official "Yard Sale Here" sign, we will also have arrow signs available to help direct shoppers to the locations.

Old Home Day- Old Home Day will be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Safety Complex. The next meeting of the OHD planning committee will be on March 13th at 5:15 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. The focus this year is adding in Food Trucks as well as a few new activities.

Teen Painting Night- Unfortunately this event was cancelled. Although there was lots of interest, the night conflicted with a church event. We'll try it again another time.

Junior Chef- Another session of Junior Chefs was a success. This month we had 10 students participate.

Family Campout- Amy proposed a Family Campout night at Wayne Eddows this summer. We would start on a Saturday night around 4:00 pm and end on Sunday at 9:00 or 10:00 am. It was discussed with Fire and Police Chief and both were comfortable with the plan. This would be an Auburn Resident only event. Dinner of either hamburgers and hotdogs or pizza as well as a simple breakfast of muffins and/or donuts for breakfast would be included in the price. We could have activities on the majors (kickball) and softball fields (yard games). There was discussion on marking the camp sites so there is order. Baseball and soccer should be done by the last week in June. We'll try to find someone with a projector so we can watch a movie. Amy will bring a solid plan to the next meeting with a date and price for the Commission to vote.

Lawn Care Contract- The Town put the lawn care contract out to bid and have narrowed it down to two companies that will be new to the Town. There will be interviews next week. Amy and Mike will sit in on those interviews. Zach will send some questions to Amy regarding Wayne Eddows care.

SNHU Day of Service- SNHU will be sending 10 volunteers to help prepare the fields for the season at Wayne Eddows on Monday April 22 between 8 am and noon. Zach suggested that they work weeding on the 90' diamond. He has some tools to help but there is a lot of hand work on the base paths as well as raking.

Facilities Update- Margie reported that all is well and shortly she and Mike will get started on the spring prep.

Little League- Registrations are open and will close on March 20th. Field opening on mid-April, games begin April 29th and opening day is May 4th. Zach has requested the Four-Wheeler back by the first week of April. Mike just changed the battery. The wallball and fence toppers are all at Zach's house just waiting for the weather to change. Requests for renting the fields have started coming in. Amy has put all of them on hold until the Little League has set their schedule.

Mary asked about the fundraising events for the Little League. Zach said they raise their money through sponsorships, signs and concessions. Laura Eaton is the new fundraising chair for the year.

Auburn Soccer Club- Schedules have been drafted. The ASC will hold their annual fundraiser events at the Auburn Pitts again. Mary suggested Dunkin Donut gift card, Applebees breakfasts and maybe even the Auburn Tavern as easy fundraising options.

Review of Minutes- *Ms. McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from February 11, 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.