

**Town of Auburn
Parks & Recreation Commission
April 14, 2014**

In attendance were: Mr. Tim Therrien, Chairman, Mrs. Lisa Canavan, Commissioner, Mr. Dave Nye, Alternate Commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, Alternate Commissioner, Mr. Pat Kelly, Alternate Commissioner, Mr. Armand Miclette, Mr. Mike Dobmeier, Facilities Representatives, Mrs. Stacey Shula and Mr. Norm Bouley, AMC representatives. Mrs. Helen Hiltz was recording the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tim Therrien.

Summer Concert Series

The concert dates and bands have been secured per below list.

Thursday, June 19, 2014 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Brickyard Blues

Thursday, August 21, 2014 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Mirage Band

Saturday, November 8, 2014 - 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Auburn Coffeehouse with **Wild Card** and various local musical guests. Mrs. Hiltz reported that Ms. Maureen Juliano has contacted the school and has confirmed that tables other than the picnic style tables are available for the event. Ms. Juliano has also contacted the PTA and has confirmed that they will be supplying coffee and desserts for the event.

It was determined that a police detail should be requested for the each of the concerts to insure the safety of all concert goers. Mrs. Hiltz will check with Mr. Bill Herman to see if funds will be available for the details.

Memorial Day Bazaar

The Memorial Day Bazaar is scheduled for May 25th. Mrs. Hiltz noted that she has not been successful at securing the Shiners Clowns for the event this year. The committee agreed that they would forego the clowns as the event budget has been decreased by \$500.00. Mr. Therrien has confirmed that we can use Larry – the Food Guy's tent. Mr. Therrien has also contacted JR Rosencrantz and has secured the usage of their gator and trailer again this year. Mr. Therrien will contact Gemini Electric for generators, etc. Mrs. Hiltz will secure a dumpster from Dan Carpenter Inc. Mr. Dave Nye noted that the Lion's Club will be helping with the trash at the event. The AMC will be requesting a \$2.00 donation at the gate.

Field Reservations

Mrs. Hiltz stated that she has received the details of the reservations made by the ASC and the Auburn Little League. It appears as though the majority of the fields are utilized Wednesday through Sunday by the ASC and Little League. The Wayne Eddows soccer field is being utilized by Elijah Quimby on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mr. Pat Kelley has requested an April 1st drop dead date for the ASC, the Auburn Little League and the YMCA. Open time could then be reserved by other organizations. All were in agreement with this date. Mrs. Hiltz noted that

a fall drop dead date would also need to be determined. Mr. Therrien noted that the goal was to accommodate as much play as possible on the fields. It was decided that a meeting with Gary Devilbliss, John Jarkowski, Pat Kelly, and Helen Hiltz should take place in the spring to attempt to accommodate all requests.

Future Projects Auburn Moms Club

A discussion took place about potential future projects. It was decided that a project surrounding expanded parking at the Circle of Fun Playground would be investigated. Mrs. Hiltz will contact John O'Neil from the Manchester Water Works to determine how to proceed with getting approval. Mr. Dave Nye will review the area to determine the size and cost of the expansion. It is believed that not all of the funds will be available this year. The expansion will be included in next year's budget.

Flag Poles

Flag poles are needed at the Wayne Eddows ball field and Circle of Fun playground. It was decided that since there is a flagpole at the Safety Complex a new one for the skating rink would not be needed. Mr. Dave Nye will review the flag pole at the old fire house to determine if it can be utilized elsewhere. Mr. Armand Michelet stated that a solar light could be purchased for the flag pole at a very reasonable cost through "Uncommon Flags". Mr. Norm Bouley stated that "Classic Signs" is where we purchased our last flag poles and they gave us outstanding pricing. Mrs. Margie McEvoy asked if a solar light could be considered for the flagpole at Bi-Centennial Park. Mr. Therrien will investigate LED lighting options since solar lighting has presented challenges in the past.

Facilities

Mr. Therrien stated that clean up at Wayne Eddows is almost complete. The project to raise the overhang in the dugout area has been started. He also noted that there has been some vandalism in the dugout area.

Kid cushion has been delivered to Circle of Fun Playground.

Mr. Michelet and Mr. Dobmier will be putting out trash cans and picnic tables. More trash cans need to be purchased. The gazebo will be sealed.

Other

Mr. Norm Bouley questioned why not all of the funds allocated for the Parks and Recreation 2013 budget were used. He noted that Appletree Park needs more playground equipment and there appears to be no effort to move forward with a new playground/park area that was part of the town's 10 year plan. Mr. Therrien stated that the commission felt that it was fiscally responsible to do what was done. He also noted that some members of the budget committee were not in favor of spending funds on Appletree Park because of the limited usage.

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Mr. Dave Nye 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Tim Therrien made a motion to adjourn at 7:55. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.