

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
August 4, 2020
Auburn Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Patty Rousseau, Chairman; Mary Royer; Dave Oliveira; Zach Eaton; Pat Kelly; Todd Bedard, Selectman

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

Budget Update- Not a lot of change because so many events were cancelled due to covid. Pat has ordered the budgeted items from the soccer line. We have \$1500 in the budget for regrading the parking lot at Wayne Eddows. Amy will schedule it with Mickey Rolfe to be done by the fall sports season. Zach also requested that when Mickey did the parking lot to also flatten the dirt pile in the right corner of the parking lot so the dumpster can be moved to that corner.

Security Cameras at Wayne Eddows- There was discussion about a couple options... either using the current system and upgrading the cameras or get a whole new system that works off wifi. Zach and Dave are working on the two options and will have more info at the next meeting.

Summer Concerts- The first concert was held at Wayne Eddows in July. There was about 75-100 people in attendance. The next concert is scheduled for August 20th and will be held at Circle of Fun.

Senior BBQ- Will be held this Saturday, August 8th at the AVS back parking lot. There are 60 residents registered in 28 cars. All the food will be prepacked for the residents and handed to the residents in their cars. The DJ will be arriving around 11:30 am. Mike will need to bring the grill, propane, 3 tables and a cooler to AVS back parking lot.

Jumping Beans- We have 8 children registered for the outside Jumping Beans class. We will continue with this in the fall along with archery and tai chi. All programs will need to be outside while the weather is good since the room at the safety complex is closed for programs and events.

Signs at Wayne Eddows- After talking with Officer Cashman, Zach is suggesting we order "No Trespassing" sign for Wayne Eddows to keep people away in the evening. The Commission agreed that the sign will state it is closed after 9:00 pm.

Yellow Gate Lock- Pat and Zach requested the yellow gate from the parking lot to the fields be locked again. Amy spoke with the fire department and they asked for a Knox lock to be put on the chain (along with our own lock) so they have access to the field in case of emergencies. Zach needs to fix the pole and chain and then we can add the lock. Amy has a combo lock and the Knox lock that we can put on once Zach is ready.

Severance School Update- The BOS are meeting with Manchester Water Works on Monday (8/10) to negotiate the details of P&R using Severance School for programs. There are still many details to work out so we will have more information at the next meeting.

Fertilizer and Weed Control Treatments at Wayne Eddows- Pat expressed concerns about the amount of weeds at Wayne Eddows even after the field was treated by Highest Quality. Pat, Zach and Dave all agreed that the fields looked better when Mainely Grass was treating the field. Amy said that we have prepaid through the end of the season but we can switch to another company for the 2021 season.

YMCA Soccer- Auburn Soccer Club has 8 teams schedule for the fall which is more than they have ever had in the past. They group their home games on Saturday mornings so they can get referees to work more than one game when they

are there. Moving the YMCA program to the Safety Complex field would help with the schedule for the ASC games. There are some YMCA supplies (4 small goals) in our shed at Wayne Eddows. We do not have any money in our budget for a new shed at the Safety Complex. The aluminum goals at Wayne Eddows can be moved to the Safety Complex if they needed them. Those were donated to the Town by the YMCA many years ago.

If the Y is only going to be at Wayne Eddows for an hour (9:00-10:00 am on Saturdays), ASC can work around it. If they need more time, their program will be moved to the Safety Complex field.

Mike brought up that there are no sandbags on the goals at the Safety Complex field. The school owns those goals Pat said he will get some sandbags/anchors to bring to that field for safety.

Wayne Eddows Field Rental- The Latitude Learning Resources has rented the soccer field at Wayne Eddows on Mondays from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm from August 31 through October 26 for homeschool athletic classes. They have paid the hourly fee for non-residents (less than 65% of participants are Auburn residents).

Trunk or Treat- We would still like to try to offer some sort of Trunk or Treat event in October. Amy is working with Melissa Gates from the PD to come up with a plan. There is also a possibility that we could plan an event that works along with the PTA's covid modified Monster Mash. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Mosquito Spraying at Wayne Eddows- We have \$1200 in the P&R budget for mosquito spraying. Dragon Mosquito Control suggested a 4-treatment plan... 2 applications, 2 weeks apart in August and then another treatment in September and another in October. This plan will be \$1400. Pat has requested that the first spray would be before the soccer clinic. If that is not possible, it would be best to do it the week after the clinic. Amy will work with Pat and Dragon to find a date that works for all.

Facilities Update- Mike reported that all was safe and secure at the park (except for the frog at the Circle of Fun that was broken over the weekend). He has been removing lots of wasp nests around the structures at Circle of Fun.

Little League Update- The season is coming to an end for softball, t-ball and baseball. There is a softball tournament this weekend. There has been discussion of fall ball this year. Nothing is set yet. Matt Plaza did some work on the 90' diamond that was paid by Little League. The end of the club house, over the garage door, the T111 boards are peeling up. This needs to be repaired. Also above the pavilion, there is some boards rotting that needs to be repaired. Zach asked Mike if he knew someone that could give a quote on the job.

Auburn Soccer Club- Everything is on as planned for fall soccer. Games will start August 28th.

Review of Minutes- *Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of July 7, 2020. Mr. Oliviera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Location TBD.