

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
December 7, 2021
6:00 pm
Auburn Safety Complex**

Commissioners Present: Zach Eaton, Chairman; Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Jennifer Strabone; Pat Kelly; Dave Oliveira; Mary Royer

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator

2021 Budget Update – Finishing up 2021 budget. Most current budget report is attached to the agenda.

Dog Ordinance- At the previous Commission meeting, the petition from the Appletree Park neighborhood was presented regarding the new dog ordinance and that park. Until a sign is posted at a location, the APD will not enforce the ordinance. No more has been heard from the neighbors.

2022 Budget- The final approved budget was also attached to the agenda. Very little was cut from the budget. The softball field lights and online registration software are among the larger items that passed. The trash line was dropped to \$1 as nothing is needed at this time. We can start spending from that budget after the elections in March.

2021 Helen Hiltz Community Service Award- Various names were discussed who were deserving of this award. Amy will order the award before the end of the year.

Ms. McEvoy motioned to award the 2021 Helen Hiltz Community Service Award to Paul and Marilyn Therrien. Mr. Oliveira seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Completed Programs- The full 2021 Activities Report was attached to the agenda. Congratulations to Jen Strabone on a successful Tree Lighting event.

Special Event Date Schedule- A schedule of the events for 2022. This is the list of the bigger annual events. Mark your calendars now.

Senior Dinner & Senior BBQ- Margie and Mary have been busy planning the upcoming Senior Dinner. With the uptick of covid cases, the event probably will not be in person again but instead will be lunch to-go. They will decide as the date gets closer. Since this was supposed to be the big 50th year celebration of the Senior Dinner, the celebration will be moved to the summer Senior BBQ.

Skating Rink- The new skating rink has arrived. We are scheduled to set it up on Sunday, December 12th at 9:00 am, weather permitting. Amy will send the instruction video to everyone who plans to attend. Mike will have the rink cleared off in time for the set-up date. We won't put the plastic down until we are ready to fill the rink to keep it in good shape. This new rink will be placed on the smaller "family" rink. We still plan to fill the larger rink and hope it will hold. If the second rink doesn't hold water this year, we'll open the new rink to both hockey players and family skate.

Auburn Little League- The final field clean up was a couple weeks ago. The building was winterized, and batting cages and signs were put away for the winter. Picnic tables are under the pavilion.

Auburn Soccer Club- Everything is closed for the season. The nets stay out for the winter, but Pat will take down the pole pads.

Review of Minutes- *Mr. Eaton motioned to accept the minutes of October 26, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm at the Safety Complex.