

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
November 1, 2022
6:00 pm
Auburn Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Zach Eaton, Chairman; Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Jennifer Strabone; Mary Royer; Pat Kelly; Tom Carroll, Selectman Representative.

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Brian D'Amelio, Auburn Baseball/Softball President

2022 Budget Update- As we are nearing the end of the year, we are right on target. The Rec Improvements Severance will not be expended as the building was not opened when expected. Some items will be purchased from that line as we are nearing the opening date. A few items that are expected to be completed by the end of the year include... repair of the lights at the rinks/courts at Safety Complex, a ramp with handles for the skating rink, a set of new rims for the court at the Safety Complex, a refrigerator for Severance and few other everyday items.

It was again discussed to pave the parking lot at Wayne Eddows with recycled asphalt. The BOS approved \$5,000 from the unused Severance line to pay to expand and improve the current parking lot. A part of that project is to expand the current parking lot along the right side to create more parking spots. As soon as Mike Dross has completed his projects, he'll be able to work on the parking lot. Amy will set up a meeting between Mike and Zach so that everyone is on the same page.

Softball Field Lights- Tom Skeffington was there last week to do some work. Lavasseur should be here this week to finish up.

Severance School Update- The project is moving along and still on schedule to be completed around Thanksgiving. Waiting for floors, bathroom work and the outside ramp. New programs are being scheduled to being in January. Our December meeting is schedule to be held at Severance School.

2022 Hiltz Award- Nomination forms are in the November Crier with a late November deadline. We'll discuss at the December meeting and will be awarded in January.

Completed Programs- Trunk or Treat was October 31 and was a huge success. Over 250 people attended with 16 trunks and 2 tables. All that participated did a great job. Might change up awards next year so more can win different categories. Tiny Tot and Tot Soccer was a bit crazy this year. Surveys reflected that we should break up the large crowd in to smaller, more manageable sizes.

Upcoming Programs- Tree Lighting is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The school, Santa, the Grinch and the fire truck are all booked. Margie and Mary will work on hot chocolate. Still working on securing entertainment. T-shirt sales have also already started.

FC Stars Soccer Update- The FC Stars fee was waived for their summer program as it is expected that the majority of the players are from Auburn. There were 24 who participated and 15 of them were from Auburn.

Waste Management- The Auburn Baseball/Softball has been paying Waste Management for the removal of trash all season. Prior to 2022, the service was donated for around 20 years. Now this expense will continue, the Commission agreed that we'll handle the future billing while ASC and Auburn Baseball/Softball can contribute towards that fee.

Brian D'Amelio was present to discuss some issues they have been dealing with throughout the season. The current agreement with Waste Management is only for the emptying of the dumpster. There are many barrels but those are emptied by volunteers in to the dumpster. The agreement also states that we can turn on and off the service as needed. This would cost around \$210/\$220 per month (7-month season). The problem is that the bills that are sent now are not correct and include services that we don't do and aren't needed. What was \$210 is some times as high as \$1800 in a month. Brian is in the process of resolving the issues before it changes over to P&R as the new point of contact for the 2023 season.

The Commission is open to trying a new company. Tom will look into Win Waste for next year.

WE Parking Lot Light- Pat reported that there is a light out in the parking lot at Wayne Eddows. Zach will ask if the electrician can look at it when they are at Wayne Eddows. They are the same people who installed them last year. They should still be under warranty.

Parking Lot Expansion- The quote for the fencing for the 90-foot diamond is in. The Baseball/Softball League is in favor of the proposal of turning that field in to a multiuse for all ages and to cut into part of the outfield to create more parking. This quote will be presented to the BOS. We put \$25,000 in the 2023 budget but the BOS said they might be able to do the project in 2022. We will meet with the BOS on Monday (11/7) and will get clarification of when we can work on this project.

2023 Budget- The Commission will be meeting with the BOS on Monday (11/7) to get approval of our 2023 budget. Amy handed out a new copy of the budget that has changed account numbers to separate Severance lines.

Facilities Update- Portapotties for Circle of Fun and Safety Complex field will be removed this Thursday (11/3). Wayne Eddows will go the following Thursday (11/10).

Auburn Little League Update- Fall season is done. There are still a few more games are coming up. Field cleanup is scheduled for November 19. 4-wheeler battery is dead again. Zach will take a look since it was just replaced last winter.

Auburn Soccer Club Update- The season is over. 3 of the 4 eligible teams made playoffs. The mission of the ASC is to develop the players on to the school team. This year, both the AVS boys and girls teams won the

championships! First time for the girls ever and only second time for the boys. Congrats on ASC for raising such great players!

Review of Minutes- *Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of October 4, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Strabone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next Meeting- The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center. BOS Budget Meeting on November 7 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall and Budget Committee at November 17 at 6:00 pm at AVS.

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