

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
April 4, 2023
6:00 pm
Severance School Community Center**

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

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Chris Sterndale, Town Administrator; Maureen Juliano

Library Expansion/Rec Center Project- 4 conceptual designs of the library/rec center from the architect were shared. All designs included separate entrances for the library and recreation with one including an indoor pickleball area. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of being involved in this project.

Also at this time, the Commission started discussing what type of building they feel the town needs most. With access to the gym being a challenge, any building would at least need a full basketball court. Any future projects the Commission plans would ideally include a gym as well as space for activities. At the moment, Severance School meets our needs. We'll discuss at a future meeting what to plan for when we grow.

The library is holding a "listening session" on Thursday, April 6. Commissioners are encouraged to attend for more information. The Commission will vote at the next meeting May 2 whether the Board wants to be involved in the library expansion project with an attached rec center or not.

Wayne Eddows Parking Lot Project- Project is moving forward. Mickey Rolfe and Mike Dross meet with Zach and Amy to discuss the project. They will clear out part of the parking lot, widen the culvert heading into the new section and put down a little gravel. The fence company should be in this week to start installing the new fence on the field. (Zach mapped out the exact location.) Mike and Mickey plan to start in the next couple weeks.

Completed Programs- Bunny Brunch was a success. 101 people attended. This year an egg hunt was added. Younger kids enjoyed it while some of the older kids would have liked it a little more challenging.

Upcoming Programs- Town-Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13. Registrations are slow to come in with only 10 people registered so far. Hoping for lots of last minute registrations this year. Maureen reported that all concerts are all set for the season. The dates are June 15, July 20 and August 17. This is the 15th year of the concert series. The raffles will be back again this year. And a copy of the Crier article with all the new programs was included. 4 full pages of activities!

Facilities Update- Alliance was paid for the full season of treatments for the fields and will start shortly. The trash removal has been booked for the season with pickup day is on Tuesdays. Portapotties have been dropped off. The rink will start to be drained next week.

Auburn Little League Update- Registrations are closed. Just a bit under 200 have registered. Opening day is scheduled for May 6. Field Cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday, 12-4 depending on the condition of the field. The fascia board on the majors field of clubhouse is rotting and in need of repairs. Zach will work on prices for that.

Auburn Soccer Club Update- The season is starting this weekend. 10 teams this season including a high boys team.

Zach has been in touch with Matt Plaza to do some work on the fields including areas that were disturbed when the softball lights were installed.

Review of Minutes- *Ms. McEvoy motioned to accept the minutes of March 7, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Royer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next Meeting- The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center.

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