

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
May 2, 2023
6:00 pm
Severance School Community Center**

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

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator

Library Expansion/Rec Center Project- The Library Board of Trustees sent a letter to the Commission regarding expectation of the Commission if we choose to be part of the proposed library expansion. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of going forward with that project.

Ms. McEvoy motioned for the Parks & Recreation Commission to not proceed with the library on the proposed library expansion project. Ms. Royer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Wayne Eddows Parking Lot Project- The project is almost complete in time for the season ahead. The dumpster needs to be moved. Tom offered to take care of moving it. Because many people aren't aware of the new parking, we'll want some signs to help direct people. Amy will order the sign.

The field that was used for the parking lot needs to be repaired to accommodate the younger 3 levels. Zach got a quote from Matt Plaza which was \$11,000. This quote will be brought to the BOS on Monday, May 8.

Facilities Maintenance Job Posting- While Mike is still working, we can start to fill his position before he leaves in the fall. The position is an average of 15 hours a week, with less hours in the winter and more in the other seasons. When we hire a new person, it was suggested that they start their day in the morning before the parks open.

Senior Trips- Because the trips are so popular, we always have a very long waiting list. Amy asked for suggestions on ways to accommodate more people. This spring's trip was full within 24 hours. One suggestion was to draw names at random. Other suggestions included running 2 of the same trip but only once a year, having people sign up for either the spring or fall trip or people on the waiting list automatically get put on the next trips' list. Everyone should give it some thought and a decision will be made in the summer.

Facilities Update- The sides of the rink have been put away. The liner is going to be cleaned off and folded up on Monday, May 8 thanks to a group of SNHU volunteers.

Auburn Little League Update- Games have started with Opening Day on Saturday. The gate to the parking lot has been left open. Everyone needs to pass along to their coaches that the last person out must shut the gate.

Auburn Soccer Club Update- Season's going well. Weather has been an issue but the field is still in good condition.

Review of Minutes- *Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of April 4, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Strabone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next Meeting- The Commission will skip a June meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center which is pushed back a week due to the holiday. The 2024 budget will be discussed as it will be due in August.

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