

Parks and Recreation Meeting 10/12/2015

In attendance were Mr. Dave Nye, chairman, Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, commissioner, Mr. Jim Headd, Selectman, Mr. Zach Eaton, alternate commissioner, Mr. Pat Kelly, alternate commissioner, Ms. Maureen Juliano concert coordinator, Mr. Pat Glennon, Auburn Fire Department representative. Helen Hiltz was recording minutes.

Old Business:

Coffee House:

Ms. Maureen Juliano noted that the entertainment is all set for the November 7th Coffee House that will be held at the AVS. She has posted signs around town and has posted flyers in several locations. She will be contacting the school to insure that we can gain access to the school early in the day to set up for the concert. Mrs. Helen Hiltz has contacted the Candia/Auburn Post to advertise the event and will post an article in the Auburn Village Crier. Mrs. Canavan has posted the event on the Auburn Community Facebook Page. Mrs. Hiltz will purchase refreshments, including some “healthy” options. Coffee and hot cocoa will also be served. Mrs. Hiltz stated that Auburn resident, Mrs. Lynne Howard, has volunteered to loan some hippy nostalgia pieces to the event. Mrs. Hiltz will contact the facility employees to insure that they are available to help set up for the event.

New Business:

Mr. Pat Glennon, fire department representative, attended the meeting to discuss a possible fire department and P&R collaborative effort for the winter carnival and the summer sizzle events. The dates have been set for February 4th for the winter carnival and June 4th for the summer sizzle. Mrs. Hiltz asked Mr. Glennon if the February 4th date was too late to consider the Christmas tree burn as part of the event. Mr. Glennon did not feel that it would be a problem but will confirm with Fire Chief, Bruce Phillips. The Committee asked if it would be possible to set up one or two smaller fires at the event (close to the barbecue) to keep people warm. Mr. Glennon suggested that we consider having the smaller fire(s) in contained units such as a portable fire pit. Mr. Glennon stated that the fire department could assist with the cooking at the event and provide coffee and hot cocoa. The Committee asked if the fire department would be available for the June 4th summer sizzle event. They explained that the event will be on the same line as the Memorial Day Bazaar. If the budget will allow, fireworks will be part of the plan. It is hoped that the fire department could provide some games that could be used as fund raisers, be part of a touch a truck exhibit, have an appearance by Smokestack Jack and possibly participate in a fire/police department softball game. Mr. Glennon thought that these were all good ideas and didn't see a problem with any of these suggestions. He also suggested that maybe we could get a construction vehicle and maybe a police cruiser as part of the touch a truck exhibit.

Mr. Glennon asked the Parks and Recreation Committee if they would support an effort to build a dog park in Auburn. Mr. Glennon stated that there are more than 1200 registered dogs in the town of Auburn and he has heard that there would be support of the dog park from the residents. He is suggesting that fund raising efforts would take place for the fencing and stone dust, obstacles, etc. that

would be needed for the sub structure but is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Department take over clean up, trash pick up etc. once the park is built. The proposed site would be the old salt barn by route 28. Mr. Nye raised his concern about potential vandalism in the area. The Committee asked Mr. Glennon to approach the Board of Selectmen to get their opinion on the project. If there was support from the BOS, the P&R Committee would continue the discussion at their level.

2016 Budget:

Mr. Dave Nye has received the quotes that Mr. Zack Eaton supplied to repair/replace fencing at Wayne Eddows. The preliminary budget is already complete and will be presented to the Board of Selectmen this evening. Mr. Nye stated that funds have been put into the budget to build new dugouts and if there were savings that could be reaped in that effort, there may be some funds available for repairing the fencing. The total budget that is being proposed for 2016 is \$139,045. This figure is inclusive of employee salaries. Last year's budget was \$113,447. The increase request for this year is a direct result of firework costs and completing phase 1 of the Wayne Eddows project and engineering costs for phase 2.

Auburn Soccer Club:

Mr. Pat Kelly stated that the well for the sprinkler system at Wayne Eddows Fields went dry this summer. He asked if the sprinkler system could be rerouted to run off of the artisan well instead of the dug well. The sprinkler system plan will need to be reviewed to see where the current pipes are run. It may be too costly to run plumbing.

Mr. Kelly noted that the soccer club would like to raise more funds through advertising spaces. He asked if the soccer club could offer advertising signs at Wayne Eddows, similar to what Little League does. The Committee did not have any objections to the signage but would like to see the back of the signs painted.

Mr. Zack Eaton and Mr. Pat Kelly has been attempting to get in touch with the lawn mowing contractor. There have been some problems. Complaints about the overall performance and ability to contact this vendor have been ongoing since the beginning of the year.

Mr. Zack Eaton stated that the conditions of the chemical toilets have been atrocious s of late. He has asked that Dave's be asked to clean these toilets twice a week during the heavy usage this time of year.

Facilities:

Mr. Nye noted that Mr. Miclete and Mr. Mike Dobmier were doing an excellent job keeping the parks clean.

Mrs. Lisa Canavan made a motion to accept the September 14th^h meeting minutes. Ms. Margie McEvoy 2nd the motion. All in favor.

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