

Parks and Recreation Meeting 8/10/2015

In attendance were Mr. Dave Nye, chairman, Mr. Alex Eisman, co-chairman Mrs. Lisa Canavan, commissioner, Ms. Margie McEvoy, commissioner, Mr. Zach Eaton, alternate commissioner, Mr. Armand Miclete and Mr. Mike Dobmier, facilities, Ms. Maureen Juliano, concert coordinator, Mr. Jason Wallace, director, FUN-raising, Mrs. Audrey Trickett and Mrs. Paula Marzloff, residents. Helen Hiltz was recording meeting minutes.

Concert:

Everything is all set to go for the concert on August 20th. The former "Mirage Band" will be playing. The committee confirmed that free hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied at this concert.

Movie night/hosted by the Fire and Police Departments:

The movie night was cancelled due to weather. The new date for the movie night is August 17th. Diane Coyle, face painter, is available for this new date. A small tent and a table will be needed for the face painter.

Senior barbecue:

The senior BBQ is scheduled for 8/29 at 1:00. The Red Hat ladies will be helping with serving the seniors. Mrs. Hiltz noted that Chief Phillips stated that the fire department is willing to help as well. The Committee asked Mrs. Hiltz to check on availability and cost of DJ Mike Ferarini for the event. Cost is a factor as this was not a scheduled event. The Auburn Moms Club has made a donation to the event to assist with the purchase of goods, etc.

Hornets at Circle of Fun Playground:

Mr. Nye noted that there was a problem with hornets again at the Circle of Fun Playground. The playground had to be shut down and efforts under taken to remove the hornets and their nests. Last year the problem was with hornets in ground nests. This year the nests are concentrated under the playground equipment. Some of the nests were in very hard to reach places.

Vandalism at the Old Fire House:

Mr. Nye noted that there has been some vandalism at the Old Fire Station. The rear, 2nd story windows were broken. It does not appear as though entry to the building was successful. Mr. Dobmier boarded up the windows.

Update on Wayne Eddows Auxillary Field:

Mr. Nye reported that progress is continuing on the efforts to put in the line extension for power at WE auxiliary field. ~ \$7,000 has been spent on engineering costs already. Some of the trees are currently being cut. A winter bonfire will probably take place. A meeting will be set up with Tom Skeffington (USA) and NH Electric Co-op. Dig safe will be contacted. There is a lot of debris on the property that will need to be cleaned up, i.e. plastic pipe, etc. Mr. Nye will contact Dan Carpenter for dumpsters.

Fun Dance Event at Circle of Fun Playground:

Mr. Jason Wallace, director Fun-raising, asked the Committee if there was any interest in him and his family providing a fun filled dance party at the Circle of Fun Playground. He noted that he has a variety of DJ type equipment and would like to give back to the community by providing a free of charge party for kids of all ages. The Committee asked Ms. Juliano if she felt that this would be in conflict with the vision that she saw for the future of the concert series. Ms. Juliano stated that she did not feel that Mr. Wallace's suggestion would be in conflict with her vision. She is willing to work with Mr. Wallace to see what can be done to integrate his suggestion into the Parks and Recreation schedule of events. Mr. Wallace will work with Ms. Juliano on future plans.

Auburn Day:

Mr. Nye noted that it appears as though a lump sum payment of funds has already been given to the Auburn Day Steering Committee for the Auburn Day event. Members of the Committee asked if an itemized summary of costs has been submitted. The P&R committee needs to insure that the funds that were given to the Steering Committee in good faith would not be utilized for any services or activities where a fee was charged to participate. These are tax payer dollars and should be utilized to provide free services, entertainment, etc. to residents. There were also some questions about the advertisement that stated that a beer garden would be part of the festivities. The question was "does this part of the activity schedule also fall under the town insurance umbrella?" Mrs. Paula Marzloff stated that she will contact Mr. Jim Headd to discuss this issue. The P&R committee is requesting to honor Mr. Eaton's request and have the Board of Selectmen request an itemized list of expenditures for the event and that that list be forwarded to the P&R Committee for review.

New Business:

Mrs. Hiltz noted that Mr. Pat Kelly had asked her to bring an opportunity to the board. There is a private organization that is suggesting the possibility of bringing light towers to the WE fields to extend possible play times into the evening hours. Mrs. Hiltz is under the impression that in lieu of field fees, the organization is suggesting that other organizations would be able to utilize the lighting. Mrs. Hiltz was not sure of all of the details. She stated that Mr. Kelly was available for a conference call if there were any questions but he could not attend the meeting. Mr. Alex Eisman asked about potential liabilities and actual need for the lighting. Other members sited concerns over "over usage" of the fields. The Committee did not feel that a conference call would be the best option to discuss this issue at length and get a full perspective of the request. Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting and asking Mr. Kelly and/or this organization to attend that meeting. Mrs. Margie McEvoy 2nd the motion. All in favor.

2016 Budget:

Mr. Nye asked everyone to put together their wish list for the 2016 budget. Mr. Zach Eaton stated that there were several safety issues that needed to be addressed. The dugout issue on the junior and farm fields needs to be addressed as there is no protection in case of storms. Plastic PVC fence toppers need to be added to the top of the fence. There can be no All- star games if the fence toppers are not in place. Mr. Eaton will put together a list of needs and pricing and will submit to Mr. Nye.

Mr. Nye stated that he would be requesting more funds for the rest of phase 1 and phase II of the WE Auxiliary project. He also stated that the fence at Circle of Fun needs work and he would like to see a new deck off the gazebo. Graveling of parking lots and other maintenance projects will be included in the budget. A fireworks budget will also be requested. Many residents requested that we go back to having an event with fireworks.

Master Plan and fund request:

Mr. Nye noted that the BOS and the planning board appreciated our efforts to cut back on our budget to assist with costs that will be incurred to fund the Master Plan. The BOS decided that \$1,000 of the P&R budget would be allocated to help with the effort. Mrs. Paula Marzloff explained that the master plan was a legal engineering document –a philosophical mission statement that the court decrees will be done every 7 years. The planning board updates regulations based upon the master plan. Mrs. Marzloff believes that the major issue that needs to be addressed at the present time is cluster housing.

Winter Carnival:

Mrs. Hiltz asked everyone to start thinking about the winter carnival. Mrs. McEvoy will check to see when the senior dinner is planned so that we do not have a conflict. She also suggested that a small fire pit be considered around the BBQ area. It was extremely cold in that area. She suggested that maybe we could have supervised Smores making for the kids. Mrs. Trickett offered to supply the kindling for the fire pit. Mr. Zack Eaton suggested that we consider having a shorter snow shoe race again this year. Discussions about the winter carnival will continue at the next meeting.

Little League:

Mr. Zack Eaton noted that the mowing contractors have been doing a great job lately. The only issue is that trash is occasionally mowed over. Mr. Armand Miclette has spoken to the contractor about the brush behind the fences. He will call again to see when this will be done.

Mr. Nye asked Mr. Eaton if the back of the advertising signs could be painted. Mr. Eaton thought that the signs were in the process of being addressed.

Mr. Zack Eaton noted that some parts of the fencing at the ball fields was in need of repair.

Mr. Alex Eisman made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Margie McEvoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lisa Canavan 2nd the motion. All in favor.

