

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
November 18, 2019**

Commissioners Present: Patty Rousseau, Chairman; Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Zach Eaton; Dave Oliveira;

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Mike Dobmeier, Facilities Manager

A moment of silence in honor of BK Bazan, Parks & Rec Commissioner who passed away last week.

Budget- 2019 budget updates shows we are where we expected to be. We still will owe Tom Skeffington for poles before the end of the year. The date is set for December 12th at 7:00 pm to meet with the Budget Committee to finalize our 2020 budget. All Commissioners should try to attend.

Upcoming Programs- Registrations are slowing coming in for the Polar Express movie night. Flyers will go through the school this week. Adults craft night is filling up. Tai Chi for Senior has one more class in this session and is full with 17 people. Another session will start after the new year. Save the date of January 11th from 4:00-7:00 pm for the Winter Carnival. Volunteers will be needed. The save the date will be in the December Crier for the January event.

Ice Rink- Zach commented that we should ask that the large plows not plow the ice rinks this year. The big plows have dragged rock across the rink and dropped salt on the ice. And if the ice was a little soft, the truck would break through. Mike can use the bigger snowblower and/or 4-wheeler to clear the snow instead and Zach offered to help. We'll also put a call out for volunteers to help when we can.

Once the weather is cold enough, we'll put the plastic on the rinks right before the fire department fills them. To help keep the plastic in place before the ice is frozen, we'll use sand bags. Amy will order some. We'll also need volunteers to help put the plastic down.

Past Events- Trunk or Treat was held on Friday, November 1 because the weather forecast was for heavy rain on Halloween. It was a bigger crowd than last year which was great given the fact that we had to change dates. The "hayride" was a nice addition to the event. There was talk about possibly holding the event at Wayne Eddows next year.

The Coffee house concert was not well attended this year. There may have been 20 people in attendance. We'll discuss either changing the date, changing the location or change it to an 3rd summer concert. We'll discuss more at future meetings.

2020 Lawn Care Contract- The request for bids have gone out for the 2020 law care contract. The deadline will be Monday, December 2nd. All companies are required to attend the site visit on Tuesday, November 19th at Wayne Eddows before they submit a bid. Zach and Mike will be there to answer any questions and set out the expectations.

Responsibilities at Wayne Eddows- Patty asked if everyone felt the issue about the responsibilities at Wayne Eddows was resolved at the last meeting. Zach replied that during baseball/softball season, Little League will take care of trash and Parks and Rec will do it during the other seasons.

Tree Lighting- A suggestion was made on Facebook that the town should have a tree lighting event. Amy responded and a committee of a dozen community members was formed. They got donations from local businesses and the whole event will be privately funded. The Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 5:30 pm at the Auburn Historical. They have a nice tree out front and the AFD offered to hang out lights. The AVS Chorus will sing, Santa will arrive on a fire truck and refreshments will be served.

Little League Update- Rick Eaton arranged a meeting with Zach and Fences Unlimited. They came up with a much better quote to complete the project. They were very professional. The BOS will discuss and hopefully get the fence paid for this year.

Facilities Updates- The parks are mostly buttoned up. Mike is working with Rick to get a larger snowblower for this year.

Review of Minutes- *Ms McEvoy motioned to approve the minutes from October 21, 2019. Mr. Oliveira seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

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