



City of Auburn
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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Dawna LaBonte, and Haley Warden

Absent: Tim Cogle, Scott Holland, and Paula Curtis-Everett

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for December were approved – Haley/Jeremy; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Department Updates** – Dawna introduced herself to the committee.
- **Winter Programming** – All the numbers look great for winter programs. Softball is starting, basketball is moving along nicely (games are at EL, hopefully next year we will be at the new HS). The senior center is always full of things going on, they are currently still going on trips but that will slow down the end of January (due to weather).
- **Winter Fest** – Dawna told the committee that there would be ice rinks, sledding and snowshoes (a flyer will be put together). Liz Allen will create a roadmap of other events happening around the city. Dawna also said that the city would like to bring back Winterfest weekend. Misty asked if the actual weekend should be moved to February.
- **New Business** – Nothing to report except CIPs are due Friday (1/13/23) and budgets are due next Friday (1/20/23). CIPs: Playground updates for Bonney and Raymond Parks (Jeremy is working with Mark from New England Playground to get designs), Mt. Apatite funding. Misty asked if there was anything for a dog park. Jeremy thinks it could be ARPA funds and not CIP.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Still in progress, RFP is completed, Liz Allen has reviewed. Liz said that it would be sent to the City Manager to review then the Capital Investments & Purchasing department. Jeremy and Dawna agreed that Liz would be the best person to submit that.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Misty would love to see something moving forward need to start working on that now if there will be swimming (lifeguard equipment, lifejackets etc.). Need to take care of the bacteria. The building there needs to be fixed the fixtures in the building are all new, but the actual building is falling apart.
- **Mount Apatite** – no update
- **LWCF** – Jeremy said that this will be part of his new role. East Auburn should be fixed this summer
- **PAL** – Dawna
- **Subdivision Projects** – No updates
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – Misty asked about Drummond Park getting a bit of an update

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Misty; all in favor unanimous

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – 4:30 pm and the Auburn Community Senior Center.