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### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 4:30pm

**Members Present:** Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, and Tim Cogle

**Absent:** Paula Curtis-Everett, Scott Holland and Dawna LaBonte

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for April were approved – Tim/Haley; all in favor unanimous.

### **Department Update:**

- **Summer Programming** – 210 kids signed up for summer camp (240 is the max). Currently there is a shortage of staff, approx. 5, these are floaters so it should not be too bad. All summer camp groups will be at one location (Walton School). 40 enrolled in track and field, all practices will be at Lewiston Recreation. Adult sports between softball, basketball, and soccer (90 adult teams) 6 days a week. Jeremy is the liaison for EL community service day which will be Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 140 kids signed up to do community service (Freshman-Juniors). There are 5 different locations Hasty/Pettengill Park, PAL/Chestnut St, Lake Auburn Community Center, Lake Auburn, and Norway Savings Bank Arena. Haley asked why it was not announced that there was no Teen Extreme camp on Fridays (she would like to see something posted). Jeremy said he will have Sara post something.

### **New Business:**

- **Parks Tour 2023** – The group started at Bonney Park

### **Work in Progress:**

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said at Leadercast she touched base with Phil, and he said the group should get council support for the food forest and he plans to reach out to them.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Misty said that she is extremely happy that there has been a lot of PR. Misty said next would-be opening restrooms etc. Jeremy said that there is a tentative plan for the beach. Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> Derek will be meeting Mark from PW and a plumber at the beach to look at the restroom situation. Jeremy said if there were to be a splash pad (wouldn't happen for another year) there would have to be a new water source. Haley asked if they were still moving forward with the kayak and paddle boards. Jeremy said the next phase is parking, it would be on street parking (about 12-15 spots). The city will be obtaining the dilapidated building so there could be the potential for more parking spots.
- **Bonney Park** – Jeremy said that was not money allocated for Bonney Park this year. There were extra funds that could be reallocated. The thought would be to add a splash pad there at the upper level. Jeremy showed the group where the playgrounds would be located specifically (for the younger children and the older children). Tim thought that maybe some of the undergrowth should come out to clean it up a bit.
- **LWCF** – No update
- **PAL** – No update
- **Subdivision Projects** – No update
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – The playground company will be around next week (May 15<sup>th</sup>). They will be at Pettengill first then depending on weather then Bonney Park.

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## **Other Business:**

- Haley asked about the story boards, Jeremy told her to contact Jenn Boenig
- Jeremy said all sheds that are currently in Festival Plaza are going to Anniversary Park.

**Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.**

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 4:30 pm at Lake Auburn Community Center.