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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Tim Cogle, and Paula Curtis-Everett

Absent, Scott Holland, Dawna LaBonte, and Haley Warden

Meeting Minutes:

Department Update:

- **Winter Programming** – Winter programs are wrapping up. Planning spring brochure (will go out mid-March). Unified basketball starts on February 28th. (capped at 18, younger division at 16, older division at 17). Misty asked what Unified basketball is, Jeremy said it is more of a mentorship Auburn Suburban does a baseball/softball so Rec will not tap into that.
- **Winter Fest** – No update.

New Business:

- **Dog Park** - Misty said she added it to new business because the group has discussed several times. Jeremy said there are no specific funds earmarked for a dog park he also told the group that it would be at Lakeview Softball Fields on Gracelawn Road. Scott, Jeremy, and Kris Bennett met with DEP at Lakeview, they can penetrate the clay cap if they need to (DEP preferred not to but it can be done). Jeremy and Kris will meet 2/9/23 to go over more details (Kris has met w/DEP and will have more detailed information). Jeremy will bring the info to the next meeting. Jeremy did say that their preference would be ballasted fencing would be an option but if it is not buried in the ground there would be a potential for issues because of the wind. Misty said that the plan would be to have a small dog, large dog area then possibly a calm down area. All separate entrances, she also thought it would be a good idea to have an agility area. The group discussed the strength of the fencing as well. Jeremy had Cheyanne (GIS) draw up a plan of sorts. Paula stated that she was not opposed to the proposal be she needed to be sure that the rules are stringent enough. Tim asked where Petco was so close if they would possibly partner or donate.
- **Bonney Park Update** – For this coming budget season Jeremy told the group that PW is putting in playgrounds upgrades for both playgrounds (Bonney and Raymond). Jeremy showed the group renderings that he is working with Mark Gallagher on. Total cost would be Approx \$350,000
- **Raymond Park Update** Total cost would be Approx. \$200,000
- Paula asked about the community center in west auburn Misty wants to add it to the agenda. Jeremy said the last thing he heard about was the barn being torn down. Jeremy will try to get info for the next meeting.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said RFP is completed and has emailed Liz Allen. She told Liz that she would be with her to do the “pitch” She is waiting to hear back.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Nothing new to report (should be completed when the weather gets nicer). Misty did say if things needed to be ordered they should be ordered now.
- **Mount Apatite** – No update. Jeremy is working with Chris Riley on what his group can do

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- **LWCF** – Jeremy is working with John Blais and Doug from the State
- **PAL** – Jeremy, Rita, Phil, and Derek (as well as two architect groups) traveled to the Alford building for a tour to get ideas for the new building. Jeremy said they are working on deciding if the current PAL building can still be occupied while the new building is getting done.
- **Subdivision Projects** – No updates
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – No updates

Meeting was adjourned, Tim/Paula; all in favor unanimous

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