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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 12, 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 May were approved – Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Summer Programming** – No updates
- **Summer Camp** – No updates

New Business:

- **Parks Tour 2023 – Lake Auburn Community Center**

Misty was wondering if Dan Bilodeau (community member with interest in the park) would be willing to chair a workgroup to look into the needs of the park in the future. Although it would not fall under the 3rd space grant Misty thinks it would be a perfect space to turn it into. Put more seating areas and a grill etc. Misty mentioned public works possibly building an outhouse of sorts with proper ventilation. Tim said that the road in was not great so possibly have that updated a bit and have more parking spaces. The group also talked about building a couple of pergolas for shaded areas. There was a discussion about reaching out to Lake Auburn Water Protection to see if they would be interested in helping spruce the park up as well. Jeremy said Brian Wood would be the one to reach out to about finding some funding to make a few upgrades.

Motion made to send a letter to Brian from the committee Tim/Haley; all in favor unanimous

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – No updates
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – No updates
- **Bonney Park** – No updates
- **LWCF** – No update
- **PAL** – No update
- **Subdivision Projects** – No update
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – Pettengill is October's park visit. Jeremy said the crew is there today to finish playground. They should be open by the end of July. The last remaining piece for the beach is taring the walkway. There are 9 canoes out there, life jackets, games, and the dock is finished.

Other Business:

- Haley asked why there is no flag football, Jeremy said he believes that staff is still working on it and that it will be at Auburn Suburban. She also asked if there would be an all-girls team (last year there were not enough signed up).

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 4:30 pm at Chestnut and Gully Park