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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 08, at 4:30pm (Senior Center)

Members Present: Julia Bergeron-Smith, Misty Edgecomb, Clare Murray, Jeremy Gatcomb, Phil Savignano, Joseph Grochmal, Merissa (Moe) Beaulieu, and Ryan Walker

Visitors: Phil Crowell. Marc Gosselin and Dana Staples joined after roll call. There were also 15 skate Park community members in attendance.

Absent:

Excuse Absences: None.

Meeting Minutes: June minutes approved Ryan/Misty; all in favor unanimous

Department Update:

- Marc Gosselin oversees sports facilities, recreation, etc.
 - Summer camp (8 weeks): Summer camp is going well. We adopted a plan that was already in place and are running with it. We have good counselors. 242 participants this exceeded what staff had anticipated and have adjusted staff accordingly. Trips are going well. Opportunities for youth to go places they otherwise can't go to/get to.
 - Looking ahead: We are actively evaluating camp and seeing if there are any changes that can be made next year. Including, can we look at it with a different structure, more staff, theme weeks (e.g. aviation camp, outdoor week, etc.).
 - Other programs: Adult softball league is very successful. Youth programs are running and have healthy rosters
- Jeremy showed the committee the Ideas of the Raymond playground rendering
 - Misty, Moe, and Joe as Raymond Park working group
 - Timeline: Build it next spring – gives us time to go into the schools

New Business/Open Session for Public:

- Update on FY27 Budget Impacts - Phil Crowell, City Manager
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) report back: Funding for fields (upper and lower), Raymond playground, Ingersol (new turf) and Norway (replacing and adding rubber flooring)
 - Direct impact of FY27 Budget on Recreation Department: Eliminating the Rec Director position aligns with what's written into city ordinance. This may need to be reassessed as it may not be the right path moving forward.
 - Looking at assessing the rec programs. Staff will report to the committee how many people are attending these programs. How many sign up and how many complete the program
- Pal Center and Neighborhood:
 - PAL playground – had to apply for Brownfield Grant. 7 Chestnut Street – City took over this property and is looking to place a playground in the front portion (fenced in area)
 - Will need full remediation on that lot. Applied but did not receive federal grant.
 - Funding for the PAL playground is set aside.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 2026 Update:
 - Presented Jan-June 2026 Board work which included strategic planning, feedback for the Comprehensive Plan, Open Space Recommendations, 3 subcommittees started, skate park community engagement.
 - Discussed skate park efforts

Work in Progress:

- Tree Trunk Lake Grove Park – Wed July 15, 4:30pm – Misty, Clare and Phil to join – Julia to email Eric Cousens to confirm attendance
- Develop/recap list of action items from today's meeting

Meeting was adjourned, Joe/Ryan; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday August 12, 2026 – 4:30pm-
Auburn Community Senior Center