

City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017 at 6:30pm

Auburn City Hall Room 204

Members Present: Dana Staples, Misty Edgecomb, Sabrina Best, Howard Fogle, and Tim Cogle.

Absent: Belinda Gerry, Suzanne Roy

1. Approval of Minutes

****Motion:** to **APPROVE** October Meeting Minutes by Howard Fogle/seconded Misty Edgecomb, 4-0

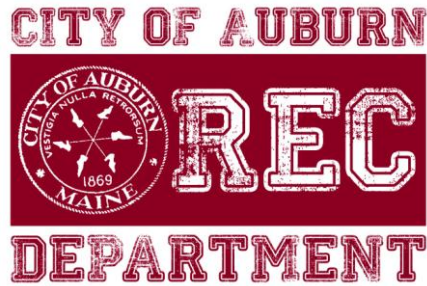
2. Recreation Directors Report

a. Sabrina Best, Recreation Director, went over the follow up items from last meeting. Huddle Up group will be back in town Monday Dec 18th for a Council Workshop. When more info comes out she will update the group. A new account for the Senior Community Center Building where the rental fees will be deposited into along with any donation money. All fundraising money raised to date (\$875) has been transferred into this account. The Senior Community Center rental rate will remain \$75 per hour with minimum of two hours. The Staff recommended to the Board that we start with these bases and if anyone writes a proposal for a discounted rate or waive of fee, the Director would make these decisions on a case by case basis. When it becomes an issue then the staff recommends a more in depth rental fee structure be developed. Non-Resident fees were added to all programs currently open in Team Sidelines.

b. Projects – The Backboard replacement project is done and all 6 hoops have been replaced. The Softball fence RFP is being worked on right now for installation in the spring. It was suggested to reach out to CMCC to see if they could help donate man power for building of a press box. Senior CC has been updated with TV wall mount and electronic bingo board. 100 Charis are in the process of being purchased, tables will be the next item needed.

c. Programs - Fall Football was difficult with many issues, but there was a large amount of parents who were willing to help find a solution. The creation of a Parent Advisory may be a result from this year's Football experience along with creation of new dept. policy and philosophy around youth sports. Training and Education for coaches, parents, and players followed with mandatory meetings may be the only way to help solve this issue and the recreations image. Fright festival was a big success, the gym looked amazing and we had over 150 kids (and then another 150-200 with parents) that showed up for the event. Cheering and Basketball season is next and some practices have already started.

d. Events – Holiday Celebration flier was passed around, the new parade route creates for a longer parade but now includes New Auburn with the hopes that they won't offer a parade but rather a street carnival or something next year. Winter Festival planning is in full swing and small sided meetings are still occurring. Dana mentioned Tizz Crowley looking for info on how to join. Sabrina said she will follow up with a community outreach for residents to get involved.



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3. Work in Progress

a. Strategic Planning Meeting – Sabrina passed around the results from the survey. After looking over them it was decided that a majority of the answered were similar to the answers and topics discussed at the meeting. Sabrina will go through and compile the results in a read easy report and post for the public to view.

b. What's next – the group talked about different projects and plans to focus on for the next year. There was discussion about trying to get some type of exercise equipment or stations along the riverwalk. Sabrina talked about the National Fitness Campaign grant that we were awarded to go towards building an outdoor fitness court in one of our parks. It was talked about exploring grants and playground funds that may be available to start purchasing small stations to be installed along the riverwalk. Bonnie Park was suggested as a great location for a fitness court or fitness stations.

4. Sub Committee reports

a. Senior Community Center Facility – Belinda was not present so no report was provided.

b. Misty brought up the idea of working in conjunction with the Parks Subcommittee in exploring the old park and ride on the turner line to develop into a dog park. There are trails in back of there, parking already established, and trees for shade. There would be a need for some gate to avoid any unwanted activity after hours.

5. New Business

a. Howard and Misty asked if we could add the Municipal Beach on to a future agenda so the board can come up with plan of attack to try and get this park open for the summer.

6. Adjourn

****Motion:** to **Adjourn** by Misty Edgecomb/seconded by Tim Cogle, 4-0