



City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:30pm

City Hall, Conference Room #204

Members Present: Sabrina Best, Dana Staples, Belinda Gerry, Tim Cogle, Rick Martel, Misty Edgecomb, Mike Thurston, Tim Cogle and Paula-Curtis Everett **Absent:** Suzanne Roy

1. Approval of September Minutes: **Motion to accept Belinda Gerry/Rick Martel, Unanimous.**

2. Work Completed since last meeting

- a) *Fitness Court Grant Presentation*: **Sabrina Best will send out the link to the presentation** for everyone to view and take notes to bring to November's meeting to discuss.

3. Work in Progress

- a) *Mount Apatite*: Rick Martel provided a quick update, Josh from LA Trails came and gave an update on the group and how they are trying to bring it back. They have filed a non-profit status and are in the process of updating their website, Facebook, and get information about there. They are working along side the group and ALT and others. Josh plans on attending the meetings going forward as a rep for the LA Trails. NEMBA had a success Bike Day with over 20+ participants. Google calendar for events have been established and other items; fundraiser, kiosk, trash cans, and porta pottie. Next step will be trail names and then signage. It was mentioned about trying to get more school involvement between trips, mining, cross country.
- b) *2019-2020 Projects*: CIP items should start to be discussed in the next few meetings so staff can include them in their budgets. **Sabrina will email out the 5 year plan.** Use resources already available with Park updating list. There was a suggestion to possibly create a subcommittee, ask the councilors to cover all the wards. CIP will be added to the next two agendas and everyone will bring ideas, lists, past notes. Bring a White Board.

4. New Business

- a) *Parks and Recreation Ordinance*: **Motion to approve with changes Tim/Misty Unanimous**
Changes:

Sec 34-53 item 6 – They wanted to add language about biking at Mt. Apatite (unpaved) being permitted and add in the language from old item 7 “in a responsible manner, so as not to endanger other users or interfere with their enjoyment of the park” in regards to allowed on the Riverwalk.

Sec 34-53 Item 8 – “This subsection (8) shall not apply to the participation in or viewing of:

1. Authorized recreation activities in Pettengill Park under the lights up to the hour of 11:00pm.
2. Authorized recreation activities in Chestnut Park courts and field up to the hour of 10:00pm.



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And then a grammatical change: Page 1, second to last paragraph, second to last sentence from bottom. There is a sentence started with OR (that should be change).

- b) First Auburn Letter: After discussion on how best to handle fees and rates for senior programming the board discussed the option of offering some type of membership for the center. This membership would give benefits for use of the center, access to select programs, and discounts to other programs as needed. There was discussion on having the membership fee be different for residents vs. non-residents, but then those individuals would not have to pay another non-resident fee for the year. There was discussion on exploring a possible scholarship for seniors. The board agreed that if there is a change, it should start in June to follow budget and payment cycle. Keep on the agenda for next month to continue options and possible solutions.

5. Department Update

- a) Alumni Weekend: Sabrina passed out fliers that had the Alumni Weekend events listed. You can find more information on the www.auburn150.com page.
- c) New Years Eve Update: Sabrina confirmed that the City will be hosting another New Years Eve event, like last year. This event will shut down a section of main street, included live bands, food trucks, beer vendors, and fireworks. This event would again be free to public. Misty mentioned dropping something at midnight.
- d) Bicentennial Parade Update: Sabrina informed the board of the Bicentennial parade that will be held Saturday May 16th, 2020 in Lewiston and Auburn. More details will be announced once the parade route and leading sponsor are confirmed. Mike offered to help as a volunteer at this event.

6. Next Meeting

- a) November 13, 2019 6:30 pm at Senior Center in Pettengill Park
- b) Items for next meeting
- Tour of the newly renovated Senior Center (15 min)
 - Board will watch the presentation on National Fitness Campaign and come with ideas
 - CIP 5 year plan will be emailed out and board will come with list of items they would like to see added and will be worked on for the next two meetings.

7. Adjourn

****Motion: to Adjourn by Paula Curtis-Everett/Mike Thurston, unanimous**