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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:30pm

Auburn Senior Community Center

Members Present: Rick Martel, Misty Edgecomb, Paula Curtis-Everett, Tim Cogle, Mike Thurston, Haley Warden and Suzanne Roy

Absent: Sabrina Best

Discussion on Council Presentation for Tot Lot and Municipal Beach - Mike said Tot lot is hard to find, GPS brought him somewhere else. Rick mentioned that he went looking for the existing trails and could not find them and trail development would make that a good park. Tim pulled up a map on his phone, we looked at the location of the Tot Lot in relation to already existing trails off Townsend Brook road. It was mentioned that connecting these trails and creating a larger trail system for this park to be the primary trail head for would open many hiking and cross-country skiing options. It was agreed that a PowerPoint presentation was the best way to go, and to have lots of pictures. We talked about meeting protocol in the COVID era.

Mt. Apatite Update - The need for more parking for the small road entrance was mentioned. He said that eventually a second entrance will be needed. Discussion around if a second entrance was necessary.

Housing Project on Butler Hill – Board was wondering why they were not involved or had input similar to the River Rd project. There was some discussion about that project would have been a great one to lend our support too, and had we gotten the heads up we could have helped to form a plan before it went to the Council. There was a discussion around the sense that Auburn is not developing greenspace.

Ask Sabrina- When the Grace lawn apartments are finished will there be sidewalks?

Meeting was adjourned, Tim proposed, Rick seconded, and it was unanimous.