

## City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30pm

Ingersoll Turf Facility and Senior Center

**Members Present:** Suzanne Roy, Paula-Curtis Everett, Rick Martel, Marc Gosselin, Dana Staples, Belinda Gerry, Jeremy Gatcomb and Sabrina Best. **Absent:** Mike Thurston, Misty Edgecomb and Tim Cougle

#### **1. Introduction of Jeremy Gatcomb, Superintendent & General Manager (GM) of the Ingersoll Turf Facility**

a. Jeremy Gatcomb, Superintendent of Recreation & GM of the Ingersoll Turf Facility was invited to attend the February's Parks and Recreation Board meeting to introduce himself to the board and provide an in-depth look of the Ingersoll Turf Facility. Jeremy provided details and updates of the current operational structure of the Ingersoll Turf Facility. Jeremy did share information on the current user groups and his original thoughts of the facility, it's new challenges and expectations moving forward.

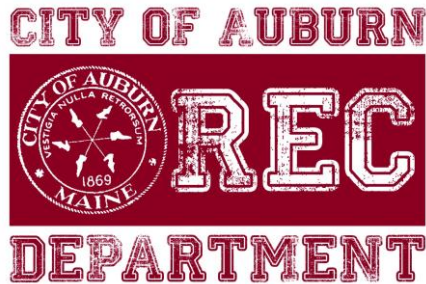
**2. Approval of February's Meeting Minutes (Rick Martel/Paula-Curtis Everett) Unanimous. February's meeting will be held at City Hall, Room 204.**

#### **3. Work in Progress**

a. *Sub Division Ordinance: Sub Division Ordinance:* Conversation was continued on the information Audrey Knight, City Planner, provided. Marc Gosselin, Director of Recreation, had a meeting with Audrey Knight to discuss the best and most concise way to move forward. Marc Gosselin reported back to the board that providing a specific dollar amounts to be collected from investors based on a specific formula designed to measures the number of total households in the City of Auburn would be the cleanest and less cumbersome approach. This approach/investment should be designed to appropriately protect green space/recreational needs while not discouraging new investors looking to move to Auburn. The dispersal of funds collected would be approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory board. Next step is to have the board bring a suggested three (3) to five (5) ideas/projects that could be shovel ready and/or specific projects that is of interest to those investing in the City of Auburn. The board with the assistance of City of Auburn can attribute costs to those projects that will be used to determine the fees associated with the Sub Division Ordinance **Marc Gosselin agreed to send out a reminder with the meeting minutes of having a list of three (3) to five (5) projects per board member for the April meeting**

#### **4. Work Completed since last meeting**

a. *Update – Floor Deck Covering at Norway Savings Bank Arena:* Marc Gosselin, reported back to the board that the new Pro Deck floor covering was approved and purchased by the Department of Recreation and Sport Facilities. The new floor covering is replacing an out dated floor cover that will



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assist the Norway Savings Bank Arena in hosting non-hockey events during the off-season and summer months.

b. *Update – School Committee Meeting (Turf Field Questions)*: Marc Gosselin, informed the board that he was requested to speak at a School Committee Meeting to address question for the new artificial turf fields that are being proposed with the new Edward Little High School.

### 5. Sub Committee reports

a. *Mt. Apatite Sub Committee (Rick)*: Rick continues to be pleased to report on the number of individuals interested in participating on the newly formed Mt. Apatite Sub Committee. He mentioned the first action item discussed was a project to properly provide new signage on Mt. Apatite. It is needed and will provide easier access to the trails. This includes better signage for parking and entry ways. The signage will go a long way with providing distances, trail use and emergency information.

### 6. New Business

Sabrina Best, Deputy Director of Recreation provided the following updates:

a. *Memorial Day Celebration*: Memorial Day Celebration is scheduled to happen on May 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>. On May 26<sup>th</sup> there is scheduled to be a Civil War Reenactment Camp. On May 27<sup>th</sup> there is parade and art show scheduled for the residents of Auburn. Registration for the parade continues to be active and a military fly over is also scheduled to happen. Overall goal is to make the event the same size or if not larger than the Moxie Day Parade with a total of 76 plus units participating in the parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

b. *Winterfest (Update)*: Winterfest in partnership with Lost Valley went well but, like any and all events, has the ability to improve for next winter. Lost Valley was extremely busy, and residents did enjoy the festivities. The outdoor skating rink did face some challenges, but due the diligent and hardworking employees of the Public Works department they were able to make the skating rink functional for the event.

c. *Senior Participation Fees (Update)*: Information was brought back to the board that moving forward all Senior/Age Friendly topics will no longer be under the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Those topics will now be handled by the newly formed Age Friendly Committee. Concerns were brought forth about making sure our Senior/Age Friendly population is properly being represented. Therefore, the new committee was formed, so these topics effecting this population can be properly addressed by a specific committee.

### 7. Adjourn

**\*\*Motion:** to **Adjourn** by Rick/Second by Suzanne Roy, unanimous