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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, Tim Cogle and Paula Curtis-Everett

Absent: Scott Holland and Dawna LaBonte

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for March were approved – Tim/Paula; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Spring Programming** – All spring programs are up and running,
- **Summer Programming** - Summer camp enrollment is open. Recreation wants to have all summer camp groups in one location. This will be the first time in years that this has happened.

New Business:

- **Dog Park** – Misty asked what the timeline for this was. Jeremy said it did not get put in CIP for this year. This park would be moved to Lake View 2. Paula asked again about approaching Petco to partner with (develop a relationship with them). Jeremy also mentioned the Humane Society.
- **Bonney Park Update** – Submitted to CIP will have clarity w/in the next couple of weeks.
- **Raymond Park Update** – Submitted to CIP will have clarity w/in the next couple of weeks.
- **North Auburn Community Center** – Jeremy said that he hasn't heard from Dan in a couple of weeks he thought that there was electrical work that needed to be taken care of (believe it has been finished). Jeremy will report back after he speaks with Dan. Paula asked if the city could ask the people that live in that area what they would like to see happen to that space.
- **Parks Tour 2023 Planning** – Jeremy said if Bonney and Raymond Parks are approved on CIP then the group should go visit them. Tim also said that the group should visit the North Auburn Community Center as well. Misty asked where Sullivan Square was (it is located next to Rolly's Diner) she thought the group should visit and discuss the one park bench that was located there. The group will also visit the area next to Evergreen Printing, Tim said it was a city owned property. West Pitch will also be visited, Tim said he would lead the group on that tour. Jeremy said that Cleveland Field was not worth visiting. Jeremy thought about visiting Lake Grove Park so that they could see the new playground (they will also check out the restrooms and snack bar).

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said she has not heard anything on the RFP. She said she will follow up with an e-mail.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – The pad will be poured when the weather is better. Can not be done until it is 55 degrees at night. Alternative Sentencing will be taken there to clean up the area (rake, pick up debris etc.)
- **Mount Apatite** – Jeremy said that there was \$9,000.00 left over from last year for trails etc. Jeremy said that there is a plan for GIS to plot the trails for better guidance.
- **LWCF** – No update

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- **PAL** – Jeremy said that the shovels should be going in the ground this year but not too much to report since the last couple of meetings have been canceled.
- **Subdivision Projects** – Misty said they are still doing groundwork, she said that the group needed to get ahead of this so that there could be a nice park built. Paula thought that that may be a great place for a skateboard park.
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – No updates

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Paula; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 4:30 pm Bonney Park.