



City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:30pm via ZOOM

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

Absent: Mike Thurston

Meeting Minutes: February - Rick/Tim; all in favor.

Department Update - Sabrina provided an update on Summer Brochure being released in the next week, budget discussions with council and her recent tour of the City's playgrounds. The Rec was awarded a \$20,000 grant from US Soccer Foundation to go towards the Futsal (mini soccer pitch) project in the Gully.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot workgroup** – Haley talked about the group looking to meet in person at the Tot Lot and has not been able to meet since the last board meeting.
- **Municipal Beach** – Suzanne held a very successful first meeting that had a variety of representation from community members, watershed protection and others. Everyone was in support of focusing on efforts to being able to reopen the beach for in water activities. There were a few solutions to research; including the outlet in the Lake Auburn duck and geese mitigation contract, conduct consistent water testing this spring/summer/fall, explore soil samples required and costs. They will be meeting next week at the Municipal Beach.
- **Festival Plaza workgroup** – Sabrina reported a follow-up meeting was held with Woodard & Curran staff to iron out a few ideas and concepts for more formal designs.
- **Mt. Apatite** – Rick provided an update highlighting the signage projects and workplan being developed along with the parking expansion project at the Small Rd entrance. The updated map signs and brochures have been put up and the group will continue to work towards developing and implementing a master plan that would include signage, trail development and maintenance, parking, promotion, education, benches, and picnic areas and more.
- **Auburn Suburban** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **PAL** – Nothing to report at this time.



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- **Committees on Committees** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **Storywalk for July** – Paula will begin putting content together for the July storywalk.
- **Subdivision Projects** – No new projects under the Subdivision category. There was discussion on finding ways to let new developments know of local parks and recreational opportunities.

New Business:

- **Future Meetings** – Rain location will be ZOOM
 - May – Drummond Park
 - June – Raymond Park
 - July – West Pitch and Riverwalk
 - August – Bonney Park and Moulton Park
- **Conservation Commission** – Misty was able to connect with the Chair of the Conservation Commission, Sam Boss. They were able to discuss the two committees and making sure there is open communication between the two in hopes to avoid duplication of efforts and combined efforts on certain projects. Some highlights were working together to help create a group to identify and mark Bittersweet around Lake Auburn. Another was talking about edible plants in parks, specifically at Tot Lot.

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday May 12 at 6:30pm at Drummond Park, rain location Zoom.