



City of Auburn
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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 08, 2024, at 4:30pm (public works)

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, Sara Parker, Tim Cogle, Julia Bergeron-Smith, Philip Savignano, Elisabeth Collier, and Corey Kinnan

Absent: Dawna LaBonte

Meeting Minutes: April's approved Haley/Phil; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

Summer Programming Update:

- Sara told the group that the fall brochure will come out in September.
 - Football registration is posted.
 - Lacrosse is currently running.
 - Recreation staff is trying to get a girl's flag football team going (3rd – 7th grade).
 - A fishing derby is scheduled for Saturday the 18th of May. The fish will be stocked on Thursday the 16th.

Summer Camp:

- Planning is in full swing, the Recreation staff met with Wayne Dorr, the new principal from the school department to review the spaces that will be used.
- Not all the rooms that were given originally are available now so there was a need for some shuffling of classrooms.
- There is more space than last year so Sara remains hopeful that it will all work out ok.

New Business:

- **New Member Introductions:**
 - Misty introduced Elisabeth and Corey as the newest members of the committee.
 - Elisabeth Collier
 - 2-year Auburn resident
 - Relocated to Maine from Orlando Florida
 - Works at CMMC
 - Corey Kinnan
 - 9-month Auburn resident
 - Relocated to Maine from Nebraska
 - Rebuilding home that was built in 1904

- Volunteering as a youth coach
- **SWOT Analysis Sheets:**
 - Julia said this will help facilitate a process that will help move the needle on items that need to be taken care of.
 - Sara said that there may need to be a Council vote when it came to fees etc.
- **Google Drive:**
 - Julia has invited everyone on the committee to the Goole drive.
- **Park Tour - Lake View Park:**
 - Tabled until another meeting.

Work in Progress:

- **Dog Park & Walton School** – No update
- **Mt. Apatite** – Misty asked Phil since he was on the Friends of Mt. Apatite community group if he would be the liaison with the committee.
- **PAL Center** – Jeremy told the committee that demolition of the building has been moved from May to late June.
- **Tot Lot** – Misty asked Corey if he would be the liaison with the committee.
- **Lake Auburn Community Center** – Misty asked Tim if he would be the liaison with the committee.
 - Tim did say that they have been doing some excavation work up there. Jeremy said that they were taking out the foundation of the building that was on site there.

Other Business:

- Jeremy gave the committee a rendering of the field renaming at Pettengill Park in honor of two of the victims from the October 2023 shooting.
 - Lower Field ~ Tricia Asselin
 - Upper Field (closer to building) ~ Joseph Walker
- Jeremy told the committee there are 118 high school kids (Freshman-Juniors) participating in community service day Friday the 17th of May. They must have a certain number of volunteer hours, and this will go towards that.
- The locations will be:
 - River Walk
 - Evergreen Cemetery
 - Pettengill Park
 - Anniversary Park
 - Mt. Apatite

- PAL, Gully, Chestnut St. area

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday June 12, 2024 – 4:30pm at the Senior Center or first park depending on the weather (Raymond Street and Anniversary Park and the bench).