



City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 6:30pm

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

Absent: Rick Martel

Meeting Minutes: July minutes were approved– Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Annual Report** – Nothing reported
- **New PAL** – The new PAL building will be receiving an additional 3 million from Senator Collins, this will bring the total to 6 million. Paula asked Jeremy to send the plans for the building she said that the neighbors have concerns about the huge panes of glass that are in the building. Jeremy said that the concern has already been brought up. The committee discussed all the issues that have been happening with people shooting out the backboards on the basketball courts (it is approx. \$3,000.00 for materials and labor to replace). Jeremy met with ADT to get a quote for adding additional cameras and they would also be more enhanced (have better quality and possibly move).

New Business:

- **Lake View Park** –Jeremy mentioned that having the pump track in this park could be a potential location, since pump tracks do not require specific things like baseball fields and football fields. The pump track could be customized to fit in this location. Paula asked where people and families that utilize the park currently would go. Jeremy stated that not too many people use this park, and it is offered to overflow people that want to use Pettengill when there is no space. He also stated that the city is trying to obtain Tribou Field approximately a year in the works, the East Auburn Men's Unit currently. Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous, motion to create a work group to discuss other options for the pump track and dog park. Haley offered to help a chairperson but stated that she could not take on the project. Scott reached out to engineering (they have a contact) about getting the plans he wasn't sure if permission was ever granted to make the changes that have happened. Tim asked if the committee should reach out to get a professional design for a pump track. Tim said that lighting may not be needed since parks of off limits from dusk to dawn (unless the ordinances are changed).
- **Moulton Park** –Suzanne couldn't attend last month's meeting, but she expressed concerns that this park is not good place to recreate and have the pump track since there is no open space to see what is happening, and there have been vagrancy issues. Misty said that the committee wanted to create a motion to establish a work group of residence to review and decide where other locations would be adequate to have a pump track. Paula asked Tim (since he is a policeman) where he felt would be



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a good, safe location to have a pump track. He said he thought having the pump track at this location wouldn't be terribly bad and that it would possibly change the area and draw more people there. Scott stated that Public Works has done a lot of work in that area as well. They have taken out trees, cleaned up the edges. Scott also said that they would create more parking spaces and angle parking on the other side of the road.

- Paula asked if the committee could be expanded and get more members. Jeremy said he would ask Sue
- Sam from the Conservation Commission is looking for a letter of support from the committee for a grant to remove the Little Field Dam on the Little Androscoggin River. All in favor unanimous, Misty will prepare the letter and get it to Jeremy.
- Tim will be heading to the FBI Academy in September will be out until November

Work in Progress:

- **Lake Grove** – Nothing reported
- **Mt. Apatite** – Nothing reported
- **Playground Projects** – Scott said he would have more of an update at September's meeting.

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday September 14, 2022 @ 6:00pm – Park tours continue Mt Apatite, October is Pettengill Park. Committee decided to have the meetings at 6:00 since it will be getting darker earlier.