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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 11, 2024, at 4:30pm (Lake Grove)

Members Present: Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, Corey Kinnan, Julia Bergeron-Smith, Jeremy Gatcomb, and Sara Parker

Absent: Dawna Labonte, Elisabeth Collier, and Philip Savignano
Misty/Haley; all in favor unanimous. Approved Tim Cogle's absence

Meeting Minutes: July's minutes approved Haley/Julia; all in favor unanimous.

August minute approval was tabled to approve until next month (October's meeting)
Haley/Misty; all in favor unanimous

Department Update:

- Sara reported that the gym floors have been refinished again due to the wax peeling.
- Misty asked how Walton school went this summer opposed to last summer. Sara said it was like night and day, MUCH better this year.
- Zach has football running right now, there is also 3rd – 5th grade cheering running as well
- Little Eddies soccer has been running
- Unified soccer started Sunday the 15th
- Volleyball may become a program in the fall (partnering with the High School)

Work in Progress:

Walton School:

- Julia and Haley had a meeting at Walton and reported to the committee that if Walton were to close as a school there would be an assessment done to see what could/would be held there. The timeline is aimed for this decision is to be this November. Corey asked who was deciding if Walton would close as a school. There is an ad hoc committee, people could get more info or provide feedback if they go to a school committee meeting or reach out to your school committee ward representative.

Food Forest:

- Misty e-mailed the City Manager and he told her to reach out to Jane from the Conservation. They went for coffee and there are for sure other people interested in the food forest. Jane asked why the committee was looking at Tot Lot specifically Misty clarified that the committee was charged with updating Tot Lot. Misty also asked the City Manager if another RFP would need to be written (a response was not received).

Parks Tours Notes:

- **Lake Grove –**

- The committee toured Lake Grove Park. Jeremy informed the committee that there are still plans to have an additional 12 parking spaces, but that is was cut from this FY's budget. There will also be repairs to the parking lot.
- Misty confirmed again that she wanted a splash pad at Bonney Park
- Corey asked if there were partnerships with the local high schools trade programs for having students build restrooms and do other upgrades as well. Misty said that there are trade programs at the Community College and that they could do building electrical etc.
- Jeremy will be submitting repairs and improvements to the basketball court in the next FY's CIP process. The hoops, backboards and rims have already been purchases but will not be installed until the court surface is replaced.

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday October 9th, 2024– 4:30 pm – Lake View Park