



City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:30pm at Lake Grove Park

Members Present: Sabrina Best, Rick Martel, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, Suzanne Roy and Tim Cogle, Mike Thurston

Absent: Paula Curtis-Everett

Meeting Minutes: June – Tim/Misty; all in favor.

Department Update - Sabrina provided an update on Department focusing on Fall programming and the Fall brochure.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot workgroup** – Haley has been working with Misty to create the workgroups presentation to the Council on Mon Sept 20. Workgroup member Wil Libby presented to the Watershed Protection Commission a proposed trail running from Tot Lot to Salmon Point on Lake Auburn which was received well.
- **Municipal Beach** – Suzanne has been working with Sabrina and Misty to develop a list of recommendations and 3 options for water focused improvements. The workgroups presentation will also be presented to the council on Mon Sept 20. The water was tested weekly throughout the summer by the water district and there was only 1 week the place would have been shut down due to unsafe levels.
- **Festival Plaza workgroup** – Sabrina shared that Woodard & Curran staff was working on the final design to present to council on Mon Sept 20.
- **Mt. Apatite** – Rick provided an update highlighting the signage improvements and the plan this winter to work on possible alternative entrances if/when the National Guard entrance is closed.
- **Auburn Suburban** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **PAL** – Sabrina provided an update on the PAL center being cleaned and prepped to reopen to the kids on Mon Sept 13. The Rec dept. received a grant from National Parks and Recreation Association for \$62,500 for a mentor program at the PAL.
- **Playgrounds** – Sabrina provided copies of the preliminary designs for Lake Grove and Pettengill. The group provided some feedback on colors, items and ADA accessibility. Sabrina will be providing an update to the council on Mon Sept 20.



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- **Subdivision Projects** – No new projects under the Subdivision category.
- **Conservation Commission** – Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

- **Tour and discussion of Lake Grove Park.**

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

Next meeting will be held Wednesday October 13 at 6:30pm at ASCC (Sabrina will be on vacation, Misty will take meeting minutes.)