



City of Auburn, Maine
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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 4:30pm, Auburn Community Senior Center

Members Present: Julia Bergeron-Smith, Misty Edgecomb, Clare Murray, Jeremy Gatcomb, Phil Savignano, Joe Grochmal, Merissa (Moe) Beaulieu, and Ryan Walker

Absent:

Meeting Minutes: July minutes approved by Joe/Phil; all in favor unanimous

Rec and/or Parks Department updates

- Preparing sports facilities. Athletes start tryouts on Monday
- Playground at Bonney Park has issues with rotting platforms – Scott Holland will go to Phil and Denis to discuss repair/replace/new idea

New Business/Open Session for Public

- Raymond Park Playground Working Group
 - Presented timeline for getting feedback from Auburn's youth
 - Late Aug-Early sept – connect with school admin team to gauge interest in partnering with us for student engagement
 - Sept – narrow down the options
 - Oct – get the data
 - Nov – report back to PRAB & vote on final decision
- Tree Carving (and sign) at Lake Grove
 - Develop idea for tree carving: local animals on playground equipment (possums, skunk, racoon on float, bear, duck in kayak, fish)
 - Develop Welcome to Lake Grove Park sign
- Comp Plan, Rec Program Assessment
 - On hold – no word yet from City Staff
- Update on processes/parameters of subcommittee work
 - Motion to make all subcommittees workgroup and to have no more than 3 PRAB members in each
 - Misty/Joe; all in favor unanimous
- Open Space Ordinance rewording request
 - Start new working group with Moe, Joe and Clare
 - Julia/Misty; all in favor unanimous
- Vacancies/resignations – 4 terms ending 9/30/26 (Misty, Joe, Clare, Ryan)

Work in Progress

- Working groups – regroup and develop next steps
 - Skate Park
 - No meeting with Phil C. yet
 - Field trip to skate park – Bethel

- Rec User Survey
 - Based on Phil/Mark conversation about user data review the city is doing motion to end this working group for now
 - Motion: Misty/Clare: all in favor unanimous
- Resource Assessment
 - Waiting on comp plan release
- Danville Corner Rd Trails
 - Determine next steps
- Meeting locations/guests for Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec meetings
 - Sept: Kelly Butler
 - Oct: Eric Cousens
 - Nov: Liz Allen
 - Dec: No meeting
- Develop/recap list of action items from today's meeting

Meeting was adjourned, Ryan/Phil; all in favor unanimous

Next Advisory Meeting: September 9th, 2026 – 4:30pm

Location: Auburn Community Senior Center