

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
July 2, 2009
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Cathy Burke, Elizabeth Shelton and Gerry Theodora
Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chairman W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed.

Approval of Minutes 4-23-09; 5-21-09

C. Burke made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2009 as presented, the motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2009 as presented; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Old Business

Adult Softball League- Field Use- The Commission discussed the Adult Softball League and was informed by K. Troendle that the Prospect Mountain Softball Field was no longer approved for use for the program because the school awarded a bid for field work and the approved request to use the fields was withdrawn. The Commission discussed the option of renting the New Durham field and noted that last year the rental fee was \$200.00 for 37 games and this year New Durham was charging \$400.00 (to include a \$100 security deposit) for 15 games. The Commission discussed the option of installing an outfield Safe-T-Fence of which the cost was approximately \$900.00. The Commission recommended installing the snow fence the department used at the Town Beach as a temporary fence for the four weeks of games scheduled at Jones Field and to consider installing the Safe-T-Fence next year at Jones Field if the league decided to play games at Jones Field for the season.

Flag Football- The Commission discussed the program and including ages 9-15. The Alton Central School field use was approved after 5:30pm for practices/Friday games.

Big Lake 1/2 Marathon Recap- The Commission discussed the Water Station location and concerns in regard to the way the Water Station location was handled by the Race Director. The Commission recommended that in the future the Race Director accommodate the Commission's request for the Water Station location and to provide shirts to the volunteers as promised.

Pink Building- The Commission discussed the building and asked about the cost of improvements and assurance of security because of vandalism concerns at the park. The Commission discussed the option of installing signs warning of security cameras and installing cameras at the park. The

Commission noted that if it makes sense and is a secure building that would be useful with minimal costs to make ready, then it may be a good option for storage.

Mike Burke Trail- The director reported that correspondence was received in regard to the condition of the Mike Burke Trail and asked the Commission if they would be interesting in making improvements to the trail and/or participating in a clean up day. The Commission discussed the trail and that it falls under the authority and jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and the Conservation Commission should be handling the trail maintenance and responsibility.

Tennis Court Backboard- The director received a request to install a backboard at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts and brought the request to the Commission for review. The Commission noted that it would be desirable to have a backboard but at the Liberty Tree Park location it may be an attraction for graffiti. The Commission advised to look into the backboard for the 2010 budget if funding is available.

Park Facilities Brochure- The director presented the idea of creating a Park Facilities Brochure that lists the public recreational facilities in Alton. The Commission will work on gathering ideas/data from other publications and will bring all the positive components of trail maps/brochures together to form an easy to read, comprehensive listing of Alton's Park Facilities.

Letter from Board of Selectmen- Conflict of Interest Ordinance- The Commission members received and read a letter from the Board of Selectmen in regard to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance. It was noted that the letter had nothing to do with the Commission or Department or any actions from any Parks and Recreation representative- it was a generic letter sent to all Town Officials and staff.

Rent A Kid- The Commission discussed the letter from Maureen Gubitose in regard to the Rent a Kid program and the value of kids working for community members that need help/services. The Commission noted that the program may best be suited for sponsorship by the PTSA. The Commission noted the program is for kids to find jobs and people to find services and is not an organization fundraiser or Parks and Recreation activity.

Commission Resignation- The director informed the Commission that Kathy Kinnon is no longer an alternate to the Parks and Recreation Commission because unfortunately she is no longer a resident of Alton.

Adjournment

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*