

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
October 14, 2014
A.V.A.S. Building, 5:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Elizabeth Shelton, Kristin Thomas and Jonathan Downing.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman, W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Approval of Minutes

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Public Input

Dog Park- E. Shelton said there was conversation on Face Book about the Town having a public, fenced in, Dog Park where volunteers would fundraise for its construction and the volunteers would self- police it. The Commission discussed using land the Town already owns. J. Downing offered to draft a Park Master Plan and then the Commission could see if the Town has a spot for the Dog Park. The Commission discussed that Dog Park Rules and Regulations would need to be established for liability purposes.

Old Business

Recreation Revolving Fund Ledger Report- The Commission reviewed the Recreation Revolving Fund program ledger, and noted the total loss to date is \$222.99. The Commission discussed the cost of the Summer Programs and that the kids programs have been losing money, which makes them not self sufficient. It was discussed that the programs should break even. The Commission recommended that the Director offer suggestions for a change in the Summer Program offerings for 2015.

Soccer Program- The Soccer Program is going well. Coaches will be presented with grey, fleece jackets as volunteer thank you gifts. The Commission authorized \$15 gift cards for the assistant coaches as thank you gifts. Players will be presented with soccer medals.

Basketball Program- The Commission reviewed an email from C. Levitt regarding the Basketball program and the changes to the 3&4 grade program. The Commission offered suggestions for people to run the skills assessment and Wolf Pack Basketball Skills Camp.

Light Up Night- The Commission discussed the special events to include: Santa and a craft sponsored by Little Pesaukees. Volunteers are needed to help run the craft table and PMHS was contacted for student volunteers. K. Troendle will contact the ABA regarding the lighting of the tree and other events they may sponsor.

Barbershoppers Concert- The Commission discussed the Barbershoppers Event scheduled for August 15, 2015. PMHS approved the use of the building for \$440, plus the cost of the custodian for \$242 for a total of \$682. The Commission discussed the cost and the concert being a non-profit event with the purpose of singing and bringing entertainment to the community. Any proceeds would be donated to the community and for Barbershoppers charities/PMHS scholarship. J. Downing noted that PMHS did not charge a building rental fee in the past when the event was sponsored by the Rotary Club, and perhaps the building rental fee could be waived. The Commission agreed to send a letter to PMHS asking to waive the \$440 building rental fee. The Barbershoppers would also perform on the Alton Bay Bandstand and at the Alton Bay Community Center. A letter of request would need to be sent to the Board of Selectmen to ask to please extend the curfew and permit alcohol at the Community Center. J. Downing will be contacting other organizations about their sponsorship of Old Home Week Activities for August 8-15, 2015.

New Business

Park Inventory- The Commission discussed putting together a park plan at Jones Field that would show the layout of the fields and state the park rules and regulations. The Commission discussed installing a bollard to block off motorized vehicle access across the bridge to Jones Field. It was noted that signage would be helpful at both ends that said "No Snowmobiles". J. Downing will design a bollard to use at the site; signs would be attached to the bollard. The Commission discussed increasing the community's awareness of the Town Parks with mapping, signage and trails. It was noted to feature a "Park of the Month" to advertise the different parks and their amenities. The Commission discussed the importance of the parks being ADA accessible. J. Downing offered to draft a park Master Plan. The Commission discussed the Town's budgeted funds available for park improvements, and the work that needs to be completed. The Commission will review the 2014 and 2015 park Budgets at the next meeting.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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