

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
April 23, 2015
A.V.A.S. Building, 4:00pm

Members Present: Kristin Thomas, Jonathan Downing and Phil Wittmann

Public: Nancy Downing

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 4:09pm by K. Thomas.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

J. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. P. Wittmann abstained.

Old Business

Old Home Week- K. Troendle reported that the Old Home Week Committee is busy working on the schedule of events and advertising booklet. The Commission reviewed the draft list of weeklong events. J. Downing noted that Irwin Marine may be able to offer additional events for Old Home Week to possibly include boat rides or rides on the Miss Winnepesaukee and a water bandstand concert. Those items would be added to the schedule when confirmed. P. Wittmann presented to the Commission the concern from Steve Parker about the water bandstand condition and the need for repairs. The Commission agreed and supported the need to repair the water bandstand. J. Downing said volunteers will be needed for the Barbershoppers Event on August 15.

Egg Hunt- K. Troendle reported that the program went well. K. Thomas offered feedback about the division of ages and parents with two children in different sections for the hunt and that the pancake breakfast was a positive compliment activity. K. Troendle said games, face painting and the Easter Bunny were at the Egg Hunt and the PMHS students provided the volunteer labor for the games and hiding eggs. The event was a cooperative effort between Alton and Barnstead and was successful. Suggestions for next time included a PA system, security to check the number of eggs participants had and a solution for parents with supervising their kids in different age groups during the hunt.

Summer Program- K. Troendle presented a copy of the DRAFT Summer Program schedule. The Commission liked the yellow paper and also suggested printing a variety of colors to be more festive. P. Wittmann mentioned that the Town Web Site is being upgraded and there will be a section on tourism and community events and that activities, marinas, restaurants, and things to do can be added

to the web site to provide information to visitors staying in the area. The Commission discussed a “Park of the Month” article which would highlight a Town Park on the back cover.

New Business

Appointment Forms- J. Downing was sworn in by P. Wittmann as a returning Commission member. W. Lionetta and P. Leavitt will be sworn in at a future meeting.

5K Race Vendor- The Commission discussed the letter from a business in Wolfeboro that wanted to offer free muscle screenings following the 5K Race. The Commission discussed setting a precedence and wanted to keep the small town race feel and not permit outside vendors.

Signage- K. Troendle reported that the Town is evaluating the number and types of signs in Alton Bay and is looking to consolidate the signage. It was suggested to contact the ABA for suggestions and to have the signs be uniform and communicate the necessary information.

Other

Backboards/Rebounder- K. Troendle presented two types of backboards with prices ranging from \$1,300-\$3,400 for a 10’x12’ backboard. The Commission reviewed the information and it was suggested to look further at what surrounding communities are providing at their courts in regard to cost, type, maintenance and use.

Parks- J. Downing presented maps of Town Property in relation to the Master Park Plan for Town Parks. The Master Park Plan will identify facilities that the Town does have. The presented maps indicated the Town, State and water properties. The Master Park Plan prep work will include a facilities map and file. The Town will indicate its responsibilities so we know what we can and can not do at each property. J. Downing reviewed the parks and items that need to be improved and added.

Conflict of Interest- P. Wittmann said he wanted to make the Commission aware of the relationship he has with the band Bittersweet and that the Town hires the band Bittersweet to perform music as a program for which money is received. The Commission said the band was hired by the Town before P. Wittmann was Selectmen or a Commission member and the Commission did not see any conflict of interest.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm; motion was seconded by J. Downing and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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