

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
May 21, 2015
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

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

Public: Nancy Downing

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

J. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Old Business

Barbershoppers Event- J. Downing informed the group that the Weirs Times is considering writing a feature article on the Barbershoppers event. J. Downing said the Commission should be prepared to make a decision about co-sponsoring the event in 2016, as it takes at least one year to plan the concert and secure the participants. There is a way for performance tickets to be purchased on line. Tickets can also be purchased at the door and at the Parks and Recreation office. J. Downing said J.P. China may be able to host the afterglow for the Barbershoppers and be open to 2am. The details are still being discussed. The Barbershoppers draft up a performance program listing all of the people registered to sing and they have the information ready by about 3pm. There was discussion on how to get copies of the program made and using the copier at Town Hall was suggested. J. Downing contacted Irwin Marine about coordinating boat rides for the Barbershoppers and possibly sponsoring the Miss Winnepesaukee boat to provide rides. J. Downing recommended that the Town reserve a boat dock for the boat rides. K. Troendle will contact the Town Administrator and request the use of one boat dock for August 15 from 12-3pm for the Barbershoppers boat docking.

Summer Programs- The Commission reviewed the Summer Brochure and program offerings. K. Troendle noted that the facilities page was changed to accommodate a greater number of facility descriptions.

Tennis Court Backboards- The Commission discussed the placement of backboards at the Town Tennis Courts. K. Troendle stated that she met with a member of the Lakes Region Tennis Association and they offered to research and recommend the best type of backboard for the Alton courts. The Commission discussed using marine plywood to build a backboard and the amount of appropriated tax dollars to fund park improvements. K. Troendle said there is a Capital Reserve Fund for tennis court repairs but the wording of the Capital Reserve Fund needs to be researched to

determine the types of repairs that would qualify for the use of those funds. P. Wittmann offered to ask the Town Administrator about the Tennis Courts Capital Reserve Fund and if it would cover the cost of a backboard and repairing cracks that are surfacing around the net posts.

New Business

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

Signage- The Commission suggested contacting the ABA for ideas on signs at Town facilities. It was agreed changes needed to be made but the changes need to be thoughtful and planned out. The signs have a purpose and the intent of the sign needs to be meaningful and understood. The Commission discussed a kiosk with information about dining, restaurants and hotels and providing similar kiosks at locations with information. The Commission discussed the group that uses the Alton Bay Community Center and what services they provide and the usage agreement with the Town for having space at the Town facility.

Robert's Cove Beach- K. Troendle reported that the Grounds and Maintenance Department is now maintaining the Robert's Cove Beach on Robert's Cove and it is a Town recreation facility with lake access for swimming. There is a sandy beach, newly planted sod and paving will be installed. Currently the Grounds and Maintenance Department is watering the sod daily in order to establish the turf.

Park Facilities- The Commission discussed the Town Park Project as led by J. and N. Downing. The goal is to survey every Town owned property (for recreation use) and set up a file to include a copy of the deed with any restrictions on the land, and determine who is responsible for the property's maintenance. The Commission discussed a site visit at each Town facility to determine what improvements are needed. The Commission will conduct the first site visit on June 18 at Harmony Park at 6pm.

Other

Park of the Month- The Commission is interested in promoting a "Park of the Month". It would be information about the park and how it was created and the amenities provided. J. Downing offered to provide input for the write up's about the Parks, as he has much of the history to share.

Old Home Week Committee Yard Sale- The Old Home Week Committee is sponsoring a Yard Sale on June 6 at the Parks and Recreation building. Donations are being accepted to support the Old Home Week events. P. Wittmann offered to volunteer with the item sales. Set up time is 8am.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6:00pm at Harmony Park**

Respectfully submitted,

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