

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
June 7, 2011
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: Cathy Burke, William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, and Steve Renner.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order by W. Lionetta at 6:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes: May 4, 2011

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2011; motion was seconded by G. Theodora and passed.

Old Business

Summer Brochure- K. Troendle reported on the status of the Summer Programs and noted the following: Free Yoga classes are being offered next week for participants to try; Concerts are scheduled for Saturdays in July and August from 7:00pm-9:00pm in Alton Bay; Senior Bingo is Friday, June 17 at 1:00pm; Paddle Club starts Tuesday, June 21 at 5:30pm at the River Run Deli- S. Renner offered to lead some of the excursions during the season; Softball League schedule has changed to eight teams instead of nine- the Commission discussed having an earlier deadline for new teams to sign up. It was also suggested to contact the coaches who were not playing a game to umpire if needed; the Volleyball Tournament has two teams for each League signed up; The Couch 2 5K has 10-11 participants.

Bike Rodeo- K. Troendle reported that the Bike Rodeo had three participants which was very unusual. The location and time may have been factors. The program was held at PMHS from 9:00am-11:00am and the Alton Youth League had a t-ball program going on at the same time, it was noted that PMHS may be a challenging location for children to ride bikes to in order to participate. A different location and date for 2012 was suggested.

Basketball Clinic- The Clinic will be held in August at Liberty Tree Park and a boys and girls program will each be offered. The registration fee is \$5.00.

Touch A Truck- The program is scheduled for Saturday, June 25 from 9:00am-11:00am in Alton Bay with the rain location at the Alton Highway Department building. Town Departments will be participating and providing vehicles for the program.

Bike Club- The Bike Club meets on Thursdays at 5:30pm. S. Renner suggested contacting Likin Bikin for a map to learn about additional trails in the area.

Geocache- The Department has recently checked on/maintained some of the existing caches and placed a new cache. Additional caches will be set out with Parks and Recreation items.

Park Map- The Commission reviewed the Park Information Booklet prepared by the Town Offices and noted the absence of an actual map. It was also noted that one contact would be sufficient- Parks and Recreation with the email address and appropriate links. The Commission suggested including Geocache locations, GPS coordinates and a symbol /park amenities key. The Commission was not supportive of the document as presented and noted that it really isn't providing information in a user friendly way.

New Business

Canoe/Kayak Race- The Commission discussed the Race registration numbers and noted that 20 registered participants would be needed in order for the Department to sponsor the event. The Department currently has 2 registered participants and the deadline to sign up and receive a t-shirt is next Monday, June 13. The Commission discussed several reasons the race may not be well attended to include conflicts with other local events and planned vacations. W. Lionetta made a recommendation that the Department wait until June 13 (the t-shirt pre-registration deadline) and re-evaluate the pre-registered totals with thoughts of canceling the race if not enough participation; seconded by S. Renner and passed. The Commission noted that if it were determined that the race were to be cancelled due to lack of participation the Department would inform the public of the cancellation with notices to the paper, web site posting, face book, signage, direct mailing to past participants, etc. The Commission also discussed the option to minimize the number of categories that are awarded prizes.

Jones Field- K. Troendle reported that the AYL has started the development of a new Rookie Field at Jones Field. The Town has paid for the backstop and fence and some of the infield mix material. The AYL is providing all of the design, construction and labor for the project. The Town is also planning to pay a portion of the cost of a new Flag Pole. W. Lionetta asked about the security cameras and K. Troendle reported they are up and running. K. Troendle stated the Town would be adding an additional portable toilet unit for three days to cover the needs of facility users for the AYL Tournament. The Commission discussed the additional cost and noted that it is the responsibility of the organization to provide additional portable toilets and not a cost the Town would be able to cover.

B&M Railroad Park- K. Troendle reported a resident donated \$1000.00 to purchase two park benches at the B&M Park. The Commission reviewed the suggested type of bench and C. Burke stated that PMHS has similar benches and those could be considered as options too.

Dog Waste Sign- The Commission discussed the purchase of the Dog Waste Sign/System to put at the Alton Bay Railroad Park. The Commission noted that there are currently signs already installed providing the message for people to clean up after their dog. It was discussed that sometimes providing bags and systems encourages defiant behavior. The Commission was not in favor of

adding additional signs or bags and did not believe it would eliminate the problem of the dog owner's discourteous behavior.

Other

Staff Intern- K. Troendle reported the Department is hosting a UNH intern for fourteen weeks to assist in the office and at recreation programs and special events. The intern is working on a special project- Bring Back the Fourth- a grant opportunity from Liberty Mutual to pay for patriotic events in the community. The intern is also working on fliers, social networking, web site posting, signs, advertising, the Couch 2 5K program and leading youth programs.

Volleyball Court- S. Renner stated the Volleyball Court area has holes in the ground surrounding the court surface that need to be addressed for safety and the mesh netting that keeps the balls from going down the hill into the river needs to be secured on the bottom.

Life Guards- K. Troendle reported three Life Guards from last year are returning and will start the week of June 20.

Adjournment

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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