

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
August 26, 2014
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

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

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

K. Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Old Business

Swim Area Regulations- The Commission received a Draft copy of recommended “Swim Area Rules and Regulations” for review, to be discussed at a future meeting.

5K Race Review- The 5K Race was a success with 145 pre-registered runners and 101 race day runners, the total was 246. The volunteers helped make the event successful, and the pre-race organization of putting the shirts and bibs in Ziploc bags made the check in process much easier for the volunteers. The Commission discussed the race course options and the start of the race this year in relation to traffic.

Old Home Weekend Review- Old Home Weekend went well with many activities taking place that were sponsored by various organizations. The Cribbage Tournament had a good turnout and is scheduled to take place next year. Comments were received about not having a Bingo program. Bingo is popular and people would like to play. The logistics of setting up the Bingo program and staff issues were discussed. Also, the Old Home Weekend Committee wanted to offer new and different events. The Prospect Mountaineers Band played at the Alton Bay Bandstand.

Summer Concerts Review- The Commission discussed the bands that were sponsored in 2014. Annie and the Orphans was sponsored by the Lyceum Fund for Old Home Weekend and was a tremendous hit, people asked to have them return in 2015. Other bands were discussed to not return in 2015 due to the outdoor venue not being the most appropriate facility for some types of music. It was suggested to invite Jim Barnes to play during Old Home Weekend, at Ginny Douglas Park, or a week night during the summer, the Saturday night Bandstand concerts need to have larger bands, geared

toward entertaining the crowd with dancing and singing. The Army Band and Barbershoppers were suggested. The Water Bandstand was suggested for a venue, using wireless for the sound system.

Soccer Program- There are 156 players registered for soccer. The program has the coaches needed for each team. There are 4 teams for grades 1&2; two teams each for 3&4 grade girls and boys; two teams each for 5&6 grade boys and girls. Games will be held in New Durham with paid officials for grades 3-6. There is no team this year for grades 7&8, due to lack of participants. There is one Kindergarten team that practices without scheduled games. The Soccer teams are using Jones Field, ACS and PMHS fields for practices.

New Business

Approval of Expenses- The Commission voted to approve the following purchases from the Revolving Fund: \$1,262.60- Granite State Race Services for 5K Race, \$41.44 for water/ bags for 5K Race, \$85.00 for food/water for 5K Race, \$11.97 for ice for 5K Race, \$138.58 for food and \$21.00 for Ziploc bags for 5K Race, \$2,004.20 for 5K Race shirts, \$15.00 for 68 Hours of Hunger and \$40.00 for Alton Community Services for 5K Race food donations, \$73.00 for donuts for Craft Fair, \$6.00 for creamer and sugar for Craft Fair, \$60.00 for gift certificate for Joan Lightfoot for Line Dancing, \$180.00 for refund for 7&8 grade soccer players, \$1,467.00 for soccer uniform shirts and \$33.00 for the softball league trophies for a total of \$5,610.29. The motion to approve the expenses was made by J. Downing, seconded by K. Thomas and passed. K. Troendle will have a profit/loss report for the next meeting. Softball umpires that were not hired as employees were not approved payment in the form of gifts for umpiring games during the finals.

Harmony Park- The Commission discussed improvements for the Harmony Park facility to include a boardwalk and/or sidewalk from the existing sidewalk to the park.

Other

Park Facilities- The Commission discussed the Town Park Facilities and doing an inventory of the existing facilities and making suggestions for improvements. Ideas includes: signage, connecting trails, etc. The Commission will meet on September 13 at 8:00am at AVAS to begin the inventory. Facilities will include: Harmony Park, Railroad Square Park, Riley Road Dock, Jones Field, Liberty Tree Park, B&M Park, and Ginny Douglas Park.

Membership- J. Dalrymple was appointed as a member to the Commission. C. Johnson is an alternate member.

Adjournment

E. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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