

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
October 13, 2010
A.V.A.S. Building, 7:00pm

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

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes September 15, 2010

C. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2010 as written; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed.

Old Business

Adult Softball Program- W. Lionetta reviewed the highlights of the Coaches Meeting held September 15, 2010. The following items were discussed: (1) Umpires- need to be reliable, consistent and league expectations need to be clear and implemented; (2) Bats- the League agreed to use the Bat List based on new information/updated list in addition to the list supplied by ASA- the League will review the list at the spring meeting and agree as a group to the list of bats to use/not use; (3) Home Run Rule- the League discussed limiting the number of home runs to three homeruns hit per team at the Alton Central School and to have a one home run lead and an additional homerun is an out; (4) 105' arc- Need to paint a line arc on the field 105' from home plate and mark the foul lines; (5) Batter's Box- the League discussed reminding players there is an invisible Batter's Box and it will be enforced; (6) Home Team/ Game Balls- the home team will bring two game balls which will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department; (7) Coaches Accountability- the coaches need to be responsible for the players on their roster and enforce the League rules with their players; (8) Over 30 Year League- the League said they are not interested at this time in an over 30 Year League. The Commission discussed the enforcement of the No Alcohol Policy on Town Property. The Commission noted that the No Alcohol Policy should be addressed in the Players Contract and consequences listed.

AYL Update- The Commission reviewed the budget and plans for the Alton Youth League field improvements. Phase 1- \$15,000- Rookie Field and Bleachers; Phase 2- \$10,000- Retaining Wall and Picnic Area; Phase 3- \$75,000- New Snack Shack, Maintenance Building, and Batting Cage for a total project cost of \$100,000. The AYL will be submitting a Warrant Article for the Towns Budget and is planning to request funds in increments over a period of time. The Commission discussed recommendations for the Youth League to link to the Town website and make a display model with the improvements. The Commission also noted that there may be additional room for field expansion behind the Rookie Field.

Jones Field Security- G. Theodora stated that the camera, transmitter and receiver have been set up. The camera has to be mounted higher and an antenna installed for the system to work. The system is currently being evaluated and adjustments are being made so it will work well.

Flag Football- Flag Football discussion was tabled until E. Shelton could present findings on the Adult Program.

Youth Soccer Awards Night- The Awards Night is Thursday, November 4 and it starts at 6:30pm. Set up begins at 5:45pm at the Central School and volunteers are needed. G. Theodora, C. Burke and S. Renner offered to help.

New Business

Fall and Winter Programs:

Halloween- Trick or Treat is scheduled by the Board of Selectmen for Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The Commission noted the Halloween Happenings was not held this year because the PTSA was not available to co-sponsor the event.

Winter Carnival- C. Johnson discussed past activities including Tug-of-War and Broom Ball.

Sprint- Triathlon- S. Renner suggested consideration of sponsoring a Triathlon- an example is: Snowshoe- 1 mile; Ice Skating- 1 mile and Cross Country Skiing- 5 miles. There is a Triathlon in Wolfeboro that we could find more information about.

Town Ski Team- Gunstock- S. Renner will get more information on the program for consideration.

Abenaki Ski Area- S. Renner suggested Wolfeboro be contacted about reduced fees for Alton residents at their ice skating rink and ski area as other towns currently have discounted fees.

Adjournment

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm; motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 7:00pm at AVAS.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED