

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
October 17, 2012
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: Cathy Burke, Elizabeth Shelton and Steve Renner

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2012 as presented; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed.

Old Business

Soccer- The Director reported that the Soccer Program is going well. There was an issue with Columbus Day weekend games which was a scheduling error. Alton will plan to not schedule games on Columbus Day weekend and have Alton teams take a bye during the Holiday weekend. The Commission discussed teams traveling to Wakefield and noted that Alton fields should be offered for games. It was noted that organizations could sponsor a snack tent for fundraising. The Commission recommended that PMHS volunteers wear a "Volunteer" pinnie to designate their role on the team. Thank you gifts will be given to head coaches and their assistant. The Commission recommended setting a minimum number of hours "worked" for the student volunteer commitment as volunteer spaces will be getting more competitive in future years.

Softball- The Commission noted that the Softball Program will be sponsored in 2013. Two teams have not responded to participate in 2013 and other teams will be invited to play for a maximum group of eight.

New Business

Trick or Treat- Trick or Treat is scheduled for Halloween, October 31, 2012 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The Alton PTSA organization is co-sponsoring Halloween Happenings with the Parks and Recreation Department and the event will include a costume contest, games and more.

Milfoil Update- The Milfoil Committee presented an update on Milfoil in Alton to the Board of Selectmen in regard to the Herbicide and DASH Treatments. Milfoil remains in the Merrymeeting River and a treatment solution will need to be addressed. Bids for both treatments in 2013-2015 will be due mid-November. S. Renner asked about the status of milfoil in the River in New Durham as the source feeding into Alton.

2013 Youth Basketball Program- Alton Central School approved the use of the gym for the basketball program practices during the week starting December 5, 2012-February 21, 2013. PMHS has not responded to the facility use request. Alton Central School will be contacted about using the gym on Saturdays for games in case PMHS is not available for the community program.

2013 Budget- The Director is scheduled to present the Parks and Recreation and Grounds and Maintenance Department Budget on Thursday, November 8, 2013 at 6:30pm at Town Hall. Commission members were invited to attend to support the Departments requests and help answer questions.

Light Up Night- The Commission discussed the Light Up Night Event being held December 1, 2012 starting at 5:00pm at Town Hall. Events with other organizations will need to be confirmed. The Parks and Recreation Department traditionally sponsors Santa and the Little Pesaukees Craft. Other suggestions for activities included: PMHS Band, Open House at Gilman Museum, Hayride, Historical Society Open House, Dance Academy Performance, Caroling, Cookies and Cocoa, and more.

Old Home Day- The Director informed the Commission that the Selectmen are interested in exploring options to increase activities for Alton Old Home Day. Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the 5K Race and Craft Fair. Other suggestions for 2013 activities included: Carnival, Block Party at Depot Park with booths with games/food, climbing wall, bounce house, bungee cord jump, PMHS Band Concert, K9 Dog Demonstration. The Antique Boat Show and Parade have been popular in past years that were sponsored by other organizations. The Commission recommended placing a notice in the newspaper about forming an Old Home Day Committee, inviting organizations to participate and sponsor events during the day.

Office Staff- The Director reported that the Department is looking to staff the office two days per week, year round with an office clerk position who will also help with the summer programs. Applications are currently being accepted.

Pesticide License- The Director reported that she will be applying to be certified in pesticide application by the State of NH and noted the seriousness of safety for chemicals used. The Commission suggested also exploring the option of contracting the application of pesticide services out and looking into organic material to treat weeds/pests.

Water Bandstand- C. Burke noted repairs are still needed at the Water Bandstand.

Adjournment

E. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm; motion was seconded by S. Renner and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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