

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
October 26, 2011
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, Cathy Burke, Steve Renner and E. Shelton.
Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by W. Lionetta at 6:32pm.

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

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2011 as written; motion was seconded by S. Renner and passed.

Old Business

Walking/Hiking Program- The Commission discussed the options for the walking/hiking program and noted that new places each week is preferable. The Senior Center offers a hiking program and could be contacted to co-sponsor future hikes.

Face Book- The Commission discussed the benefits of advertising department programs and Town recreational events and facilities on Face Book. Items to post on Face Book include: Summer Schedule, Events, Sports Schedules, reminders regarding registration deadlines, RSVP to events and more. W. Lionetta volunteered to set up and administer the Face Book page. Other administrators would be needed to post events.

Soccer League- The Director provided a review of the Soccer Program to include the various game venues and feedback received about playing in other Towns. The end of the season awards night/ice cream social was discussed. The Commission concluded that teams can end the season with their own team party rather than a formal awards night.

New Business

Yuletide in Alton- Yuletide in Alton is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 5:00pm-6:30pm at the Alton Town Hall and Ginny Douglas Park. Activities will include: Santa, Tree Lighting and Kids Crafts. The Rotary Club is sponsoring a Craft Fair the same day. E. Shelton suggested contacting the PMHS Band to see if they would be interested in performing during the event.

Winter Carnival- The Commission discussed the Winter Carnival Program and if the event would be run by the ABA with the Parks and Recreation Department sponsoring the Bed Race and Scavenger Hunt or co-sponsored with the Department. Traditionally Winter Carnival is held the Sunday before President's Day which would be Sunday, February 19, 2012. The Commission also noted a backup plan is recommended such as a different location in the event of inclement weather. Last year the ABCCC was discussed with modified activities. E. Shelton mentioned Cro-Pucky was fun for the kids a few years ago. S. Renner mentioned sponsoring a Winter Triathlon as a winter event.

Youth Basketball Program- K. Troendle reported the use of PMHS gym was approved for the program from 7:30am-1:00pm. Grades 1&2 will practice and scrimmage at PMHS each week, the backboards are adjustable and parents do not have to travel for games. The 5&6 grade games will be played at PMHS following the 1&2 grade program. ACS will host practices after home games. Teams will have half of the gym and a varied practice schedule. The Commission discussed choosing teams in a draft format. Players will be in categories by ability and coaches will choose from each category. The coach with seniority would choose first.

Programs- K Troendle reported she met with the ND Parks and Recreation Director about offering programs together to increase participation. Some of the programs included: Karate, Hula and Guitar Lessons and trips. The Commission discussed the promotion of private businesses through the Town Parks and Recreation Department and was not in support of that concept. The Commission recommended offering the Karate program for kids and adults.

CIP- K. Troendle reported that a CIP plan was not submitted this year because the department did not have items to request. K. Troendle was informed by the Town Planner that the program may be discontinued. The Commission discussed some of the facilities they would like to see. Some of the suggestions included: a pool with a walking track above it and a playground. E. Shelton suggested polling the voters after the next election to see what they would like to see for Town facilities and if they would support them through taxes and/or user fees. The Commission discussed the option of building a facility with the Town of New Durham.

Other

Constant Contact- S. Renner informed the Commission about a service that is approximately \$300/yr. for advertising through email and will provide more information at a future meeting.

Adjournment

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm; motion was seconded by S. Renner and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

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