

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
January 22, 2015
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Kristin Thomas, E. Shelton, Jonathan Downing and Peter Leavitt.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Public: Nancy Downing

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

J. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Old Business

Barbershoppers Concert- The Commission reviewed the draft Proclamation by the Board of Selectmen for the Barbershoppers and said it looked good. J. Downing suggested that a copy of the Proclamation be published in the newspaper. The Lakes Region Chordsman are reviewing the draft contract and will send any changes to the Commission. J. Downing is working on posters and fliers for the Barbershoppers Event.

Basketball- The Commission discussed the Basketball program and purchasing a different item other than medals to give the players at the end of the program. J. Downing made a motion to purchase cow bells; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. P. Leavitt made a motion to authorize \$225 for the purpose of two Basketball teams (one girl's team and one boy's team) to participate in the Farmington 500 5&6th grade Basketball Tournament; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. The Commission discussed purchasing gift cards for assistant helpers/coaches for the Basketball program. E. Shelton made a motion to purchase \$20 gift cards to Ackerly's for the assistant coaches and \$10 gas cards to CITGO for the skills camp helpers; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. Additionally, it was approved to give Parks and Recreation towels to the PMHS students who helped with the 3&4th grade program. The students did not receive community service credit.

Old Home Week Committee- K. Troendle reported that the Old Home Week Committee will be meeting on January 26. The OHWC is working on organizing events for August 7-16. Parks and Recreation will offer to schedule bands at the Alton Bay Bandstand on evenings where an event is not scheduled.

Park Master Plan- J. Downing reported that he requested information from the Town Assessor's office in order to begin the mapping of the Park Master Plan. The Assessor's office will provide the requested information. J. Downing suggested plotting the Town owned property and identifying Town resources on the map. J. Downing and Nancy Downing will survey the properties and plot them on the Master Plan (including: Basketball Courts, Multi Purpose Fields, and show the field expansion area at Jones Field). It was noted that the fence along the Letter S Road at Jones Field Park could be designated a "Dog Trail", the area is already in place and would need 2 gates to access the trail, this project could be completed in the spring. After the Town properties are identified and placed on the map, a Dog Park site can be located for development.

Ice Rink- J. Downing presented the idea of a Skating Rink area that is available for public use. The Commission discussed the past Ice Rink at Liberty Tree Park and the pond that was maintained by the Fire Department interns in the past. A request to the town's people to ask for volunteers to create and maintain an ice rink may be a good way to proceed. The ice skating rink would be a great facility for the community.

Scholarship Volunteer Hours- K. Troendle reported that three families received scholarships for the Basketball program and their volunteer hours have not been scheduled or completed. The Commission recommended that the families be contacted with a deadline to complete the volunteer hours or the Basketball program will need to be paid for and future scholarships would not be available.

New Business

Art Classes- The Commission recommended sponsoring Water Color drawing and painting classes in February.

Winter Carnival- The Winter Carnival is Sunday, February 15, 2015. The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the Photo Scavenger Hunt and Great Alton Bay Bed Race with Meredith Village Savings Bank. The Alton Business Association is sponsoring many activities throughout the day. Snow sculptures and Ice Carving were suggested for the 2016 Winter Carnival.

Summer Programs- The Commission discussed summer program ideas including tennis, golf, archery, swimming and guitar lessons. A pick up summer Basketball program was discussed. The program would practice instructional skills each week with pick up games to follow. A volunteer basketball coach could lead the program.

Mt. Major Snowmobile Club- J. Downing reported about the great resource available for trails through the Snowmobile Club trail maps. Maps were reviewed by the Commission and copies will be posted at the office for people to look at. Residents will be encouraged to purchase copies of the \$10 map for their own use.

Adjournment

W. Lionetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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