

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**March 10, 2014**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm**

Members Present: William Lionetta, Elizabeth Shelton, and Kristin Thomas

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call to Order***

The Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Chairman, W. Lionetta.

***Approval of Agenda***

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

***Approval of Minutes***

K. Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

***Old Business***

Winter Carnival- Winter Carnival went well, it was a beautiful day. There were six beds competing in the bed race. Meredith Village Savings Bank donated \$100.00 to first place, and \$75.00 for the best themed bed. Participants that pre-registered for the race received a MVSB tote bag. The Scavenger Hunt drew over twenty participants. MVSB donated \$25.00 for first prize and other gifts. Parks and Recreation also provided prizes. Other events held as part of Winter Carnival by other organizations included: Bob House Decorating contest, Snowmobile Parade, Pancake Breakfast, Ice Fishing Derby, Food Tent, DJ Music, Sleigh rides, Helicopter rides, Kids Games, and more.

Scholarship Policy Draft- The Commission reviewed options to include in the Scholarship Form including: addressing absences, providing documentation of need, determining the maximum funding per person and family, and requiring volunteer work hours for receiving scholarship. A draft scholarship form will be created incorporating the various topics for review to the Commission.

Softball Program- The Commission discussed the Adult Softball Program. The Alton Youth League said they will not be able to administer the program due to insurance costs. The Commission noted the fee for 2014 is \$450 per team with a non refundable deposit of \$225.00 due by April 15. The Commission discussed hiring a Softball Coordinator and determined that complaints would be made if the coordinator was also a player/umpire. At this time, the Commission decided to run the program the same as past years.

***New Business***

Upcoming Programs-

**Ultimate Frisbee League-** The Commission discussed sponsoring an Adult Ultimate Frisbee League which would run Memorial Day-Columbus Day on Sundays from 5-7pm. The program would be held at Jones Field. Participants would sign waiver forms. Equipment needed are cones and Frisbees. Tim Croes would be the Program Contact person.

**Kayak, Run, Bike Race-** The Commission discussed co-sponsoring a race with River Run Deli that is a family, scavenger hunt race. A hybrid of “Amazing Race” and a fun run. The event would include kayaking from the River Run Deli to Jones Field, then a run to various stops to pick up items ending at the bike shop, then a bike ride back to River Run. River Run will provide shirts to the participants have host a campfire at the finish line. The Department will need to work on the logistics (course, name, date and fee) but the overall idea was approved.

**Big Lake Marathon-** The Commission discussed the changes to the aid stations as part of the race, and agreed to not participate this year and give another organization an opportunity to participate.

*Other*

Program Sponsor Inquiry Received- Children’s Dentistry of the Lakes Region asked the Department if there were any teams they could sponsor. K. Troendle said the Youth League would need sponsors for their baseball program but sponsors would be needed for other events if they were interested. The Commission recommended the following events that could be sponsored: check point at the new race, Magic Show, Animal Show or Water-ski Show as part of Old Home Weekend.

*Adjournment*

E. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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