

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
March 19, 2015
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: Kristin Thomas, E. Shelton, W. Lionetta, and J. Downing

Public: Nancy Downing

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

K. Thomas 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 February 19, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. W. Lionetta and J. Downing abstained.

Old Business

Old Home Week- The Old Home Week Committee is working on scheduling events from August 7-16. Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring music at the Land Bandstand on Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 11. The Commission suggested sponsoring music for every night of the week. J. Downing updated the Commission on the Barbershoppers Event. The Barbershoppers will be in Alton Bay all day on Saturday, August 15. The performance will be at 7:45pm at PMHS for \$10 per ticket and there will be singing at the Alton Bay Bandstand after the PMHS performance. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, ticket collection, refreshment sales, and ushering at the performance. J. Downing suggested contacting local publications with the Barbershoppers Event information. E. Shelton recommended contacting PMHS teachers in regard for student volunteers. J. Downing stated a \$300 scholarship would be awarded to a PMHS music student with proceeds from the Barbershoppers Event.

New Business

Egg Hunt- K. Troendle reported that she was contacted by PMHS about co-sponsoring the annual Egg Hunt with Barnstead and PMHS on April 4. Alton will participate in the co-sponsorship in an effort to promote community involvement and a positive working relationship with PMHS students. Each Town will bring 1,000 eggs to divide at the hunt. The hunt will be for children 0-10 years. The building will be divided into three sections: one half of the gym for 0-4 years, one half of the gym for 5-7 years and 8-10 years old in the auditorium. Registration will be at 8:30am, that is when parents check in their children so we can tally the number of participants in each age group. Eggs will be distributed as close to equal as possible, by taking the number of eggs hidden and dividing the number

of participants, giving a number of eggs for each person to collect. Games and face painting will be offered from 8:30am-9:00am. The hunt starts at 9:00am inside PMHS. The snow outside has not melted yet. Prospect United scholarship fund will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and entrance to the breakfast will be down the hallway and admission will be charged, with proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. Set up for the hunt starts at 7:15am at PMHS, volunteers are needed to help hide eggs.

Pickleball Program- K. Troendle reported that Phil Tatro contacted the department about offering a Pickleball Program at the Liberty Tree Park Basketball Courts. Mr. Tatro would bring the equipment and net to run the program and help coordinate the event. The suggested time is July 2-August on Mondays and Thursdays from 8-11am. The Commission was happy to hear that a resident was interested in starting a new program and thought the program sounded like a positive idea. The Commission noted that players would have to be rostered individuals that have signed a registration form to participate.

Tennis League- K. Troendle reported that Sean Landry contacted the department about offering a Tennis League. The suggested time was weekend mornings for eight weeks in the summer. Games would be played for 1.5 hour sets on the two courts. If the League needed more space, PMHS could be contacted to use their courts. Parks and Recreation would take a list of names and match up teams or individuals to play. The Commission was supportive of the program and encouraged to see community interest and involvement. The Commission is interested in providing opportunities for physical exercise and social interaction.

Summer Program- K. Troendle is currently working on the Summer Program schedule. The concerts have been scheduled from July 3-August 22. E. Shelton suggested contacting PMHS to see if they would be interested/available to play at the Bandstand on August 29 because school is in session at that time. Other program ideas included: Winnepesaukee Kitchen- meal preparation class for children and adults; Swim and Play program; Teen Trips with Wolfeboro; Guitar Lessons; Golf Lessons; Art Classes; Basketball Program; Tennis Lessons and a Lakeshore Line Program to introduce participants to historical places in Alton (Shoe Factory, etc.) similar to the Freedom Trail in Boston.

Office Staff- K. Troendle asked the Commission to approve 172 office hours for support staff from the Recreation Revolving Fund. 120 hours for technical assistance in preparing and laying out the park plan and web site photos and facility descriptions; 36 hours for softball administration work and 16 hours of soccer program administration work. W. Lionetta made a motion to approve \$2,263.52 (172 hours) for the above purposes, motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Other

Parks- E. Shelton suggested offering a Patch for Parks program where people log their visit to a park: date, time and weather conditions and when they visit a certain number of parks they send in their log and receive a Park Patch. J. Downing suggested that when the Town is interested in selling off Town properties that the Parks and Recreation Commission be notified so the Commission can review the property and make recommendations for its use if appropriate as a park, water access site or right of way for trails or other recreational uses. J. Downing provided a summary of the Park Plan to include a park overview, with technical support from Peter Ferber, and then an individual park survey with an informational kiosk.

Appointment Forms- K. Troendle reported that Phil Wittmann is the BOS Representative to the Commission and that W. Lionetta, J. Downing, and P. Leavitt need to be sworn in. K. Troendle will bring the appointment forms to the next meeting and Selectmen Wittmann can administer the oath of office and renewals for the Commission members. The Commission discussed the days of the week and times for future meetings. J. Downing suggested trying a 4:00pm meeting in April if members could attend at that time.

Adjournment

W. Lionetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 4:00pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED