

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**March 24, 2009**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm**

Members Present: Gerry Theodora, Cathy Burke, Cydney Johnson.

Selectmen's Representative: Loring Carr

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call To Order***

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

***Approval of Agenda***

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

***Approval of Minutes 2-19-09***

The Minutes of February 19, 2009 could not be approved because a quorum was not present that was also present at the 2-19-09 meeting.

***Public Input***

There was no public input.

***Old Business***

Flag Football- The director reported that Step 1- registering the league was completed and Step 2- providing the required insurance to the NFL was also completed. The director stated that all registrations are required to be completed by the players/parents on line. The NFL program will no longer accept paper waiver forms. The director said participants could use the Library or Parks and Recreation Department computer for the internet access if needed. The department is currently working on Step 3 and the director contacted E. Shelton to answer some of the questions in regard to time frame, equipment and league games. The cost is \$35 per player, grades 6-8. The Commission discussed inviting the surrounding towns to participate in a local league. C. Johnson will provide the email contacts of the baseball towns. The Commission discussed sending a flier to the Alton Central School students once the details of the program are complete. The NFL Flag Football program will also be listed in the summer brochure.

Background Check Policy- The Commission discussed the benefits of having a written Background Check policy versus taking each volunteer on a case by case basis and noted that the value of a written policy should be run by the Town Attorney for his opinion.

Open Gym- The director reported that the Open Gym program scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2009 was canceled due to lack of registration (the PMHS boys were playing in the state championship the same night). The department will sponsor the program again on Friday, April 10 and participants will need to pre-register by April 8.

AVAS Building Security- The Commission discussed issues the department has had in regard to vandalism and theft. A surveillance system was discussed and G. Theodora reported on the research he completed. G. Theodora demonstrated a system to include a recorder and camera that was set up and the various functions and benefits of the security system. The system would also be transportable to use at other facilities and multi-facilities could be monitored with a system set up in various town building locations. The Commission also discussed installing a mail box container to collect the dropped off registration forms. The Commission noted the value of the security system and discussing the system with the Town Administrator.

Face Book Page- The Commission recommended that at this time the Face Book Page is not an arena the department will participate in for advertising.

### ***New Business***

Non Public Session- C. Johnson made a motion to enter non-public session, motion was seconded by G. Theodora: RSA 91-A (3), 2 (c). The members were polled: C. Johnson- yes; G. Theodora- yes; C. Burke- yes. The Commission discussed an incident that occurred at Alton Central School. The Commission recommended sending a letter to the parent and requesting reimbursement. C. Johnson made a motion to adjourn non-public session, motion was seconded by G. Theodora. Members were polled: C. Johnson- yes; G. Theodora- yes; C. Burke- yes.

Adult Softball League- The league will be meeting on April 14 at 6:00pm at the Gilman Museum to discuss the 2009 season. C. Johnson drafted a Player's Contract that each player will have to sign in order to participate. The Commission reviewed the document and defined the chain of command for player's to follow if they have a complaint. The director reported that New Durham stated they may be increasing the user fee for the field rental. The Commission discussed leaving the league as an 8 team league and not trying to recruit new teams at this time. Comments were received that the league was getting to be a big time commitment with playing 3 games per week on some weeks. The Commission discussed the requirement that all players submit a copy of a government issued photo id card with a birth date to use to verify the player's age and eligibility to play.

AYBL- C. Johnson provided an update on the AYBL. There are 180 registered participants. The League is planning to submit a request for field improvements. C. Johnson informed the Commission about the fundraiser the organization is planning in conjunction with the Fisher Cats on July 22. The League is pursuing grants for field improvements through the Kellogg's Foundation- Field of Dreams and the Red Sox. Mt. Major Storage is providing a storage unit for equipment. The batting cage will be repaired by the League and a new Citgo sign has been ordered.

Summer Programs- The Commission reviewed a copy of the Summer Brochure draft. The director said the completed schedule should be ready from the printers by May 1.

Touch a Truck- The Commission discussed the June 27 date and if a rain date should be set because the following day, June 28 is the annual Canoe Race. The Commission discussed having a rain location at the Highway Department or Fire Station for the same June 27 date.

Craft Fair- The director reported that the Craft Fair applications appear to be down this year. The Commission discussed conducting follow-up calls to see if that would help encourage the people to mail the applications in.

Reappointment- C. Burke and W. Lionetta are up for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. C. Burke stated that she would be interested in serving another three year term. The director will contact W. Lionetta and ask if he would like to be reappointed.

Twombly Property- The Commission discussed the Twombly property and the possibilities the property would offer to the Town. L. Carr made a motion to pursue the Twombly property for the Town in a way that would not impact the tax rate. The Commission discussed the desirable location of the property and the benefits of land banking but concerns were noted as to the premium purchase price and purpose of the land. L. Carr noted that the property could be used for field space as the Town currently is renting fields in New Durham and there are not enough fields for the outdoor activities. L. Carr said it is worth looking into. C. Johnson made a motion to encourage the Board of Selectmen to look into the potential purchase of the Twombly property, motion was seconded by C. Burke with a vote of 2-1. 2-yes- C. Burke and C. Johnson and 1-no- G. Theodora. The motion passed.

### ***Adjournment***

C. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; motion was seconded by G. Theodora and passed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm at AVAS.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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