

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
April 6, 2011
A.V.A.S. Building, 7:15pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, Steve Renner, Cydney Johnson and Cathy Burke.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:26pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes March 9, 2011

The Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present that was also present at the March 9, 2011 meeting.

Old Business

1/2 Marathon- The race is May 7. The Commission reviewed plans for the M*A*S*H themed water station. The race begins at 8:00am and volunteers plan to arrive at 7:00am. W. Lionetta and C. Burke plan to volunteer and W. Lionetta will bring additional volunteers. Props will include a jeep, M*A*S*H and Korean related signs, a tent, military and medical looking attire, perhaps music. A suggestion was made to place the Gel packs about 1/2 mile before the water station and to split the station into Gatorade and water sides with signs in place directing runners.

Summer Brochure- The Commission reviewed the 2011 Summer Brochure and noted the new programs that are being offered: Couch to-5K; Kids Nature Program; Golf Lessons; Fitness over 40; Trips to NYC and Martha's Vineyard; Soccer Squirts; World Cup Soccer; Zumba; New Yoga Classes and more.

New Business

Boy's Basketball Clinic- The Commission noted the title of the clinic in the Summer Brochure and questioned why the program was not also available for girls to participate in. K. Troendle explained that a parent had contacted the department about

volunteering to run a Basketball Clinic for Boys and she thought it was a good idea to help develop skills for the boys that were interested. The Commission discussed their concerns with not offering an equal program for girls and that the program seemed self serving. The Commission said they were not in favor of programs or opportunities that were not open to both boys and girls. S. Renner made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Department would need to offer the basketball clinic to both boys and girls or not be able to offer the program; motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed.

Compost Bins- The Parks and Recreation Department is planning to sell twenty Earth Machine Compost bins for \$45.00 each to promote home composting and reduce waste going into the landfills. The information will be in the newspaper and in the Summer Brochure.

Town Wide Yard Sale- The Town Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, June 4 from 9:00am-3:00pm, the rain date is June 5.

Soccer Goals- The Commission discussed the different types of portable soccer goals and sizes that were considering being purchased for the 2011 Soccer Program. It was suggested to look at Anaconda and Eastbay.com as suppliers who offer competitive prices.

Help Wanted- K. Troendle reported that there are three job openings in the department for the summer. The department is hiring a Lifeguard, Part Time Maintenance Worker and PT Office Clerk.

Grounds and Maintenance Recommendations- K. Troendle asked for feedback from the Commission in regard to the grounds, facilities and town buildings and if members noticed anything that needed to be completed to please let her know. K. Troendle reported the Town is working on building improvements at the West Side Restrooms, Town Hall and Pearson Road Community Center.

Adjournment

W. Lionetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm; motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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