

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**April 18, 2012**  
**A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm**

Members Present: William Lionetta, Cathy Burke, and Steve Renner

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

***Call to Order***

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman, W. Lionetta at 6:34pm.

***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***

C. Burke made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2012 as amended; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

***Old Business***

Egg Hunt- Little Pesaukees co-sponsored the Egg Hunt and stuffed over 1600 eggs. The Egg Hunt was held outside at Alton Central School and the fields were divided into 4 sections, by age group. The Little Pesaukees volunteers supervised a craft table for participants to make a take home craft. Small items were given away in addition to the eggs filled with candy.

Big Lake Half Marathon- The group discussed theme ideas to include: Gilligan's Island, Island theme, Mardi Gras, Halloween, Star Wars and Clowns. The Commission decided to do the Island theme with participants wearing Hawaiian shirts, palm trees, big hanging lights, music- steel drums and Reggae. Bill, Liz, Mike, Kellie, and Bryan will be there. K. Troendle will contact PMHS to see if any students want to participate.

**Summer Programs-**

Basketball Clinic- Tim Lee is interested in co-sponsoring a Basketball Clinic with the Parks and Recreation Department for grades 2-highschool at PMHS July 9-12 and July 30-August 2 from 9:00am-2:00pm for \$75. Mr. Lee offers similar programs in New Durham and Farmington and has officiated Alton PR Basketball games. He would give 20% of the profit to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission agreed to offer the program as long as PR does not have to incur any fees for the use of PMHS.

Adult Exercise Class- The Commission discussed the two exercise programs scheduled at the Pearson Road Community Center and noted that they should be titled and described as to what they are. K. Troendle stated there was concern in the population for the word Yoga. The Commission said many people are looking for a Yoga program. It was noted the Yoga program is a form of exercise and focuses on postures and not on spirituality. The Commission also recommended that the free classes be free to participants as advertised and to not ask for donations for the Senior Center as some participants may not be in a position to pay for the class. The Commission also recommended that a sign up sheet be completed each week where people will call or sign the sheet to indicate they will attend by the Monday before class.

Seasonal Staff- The Department will be hiring three Lifeguards, one part time seasonal maintenance worker and one new office staff person for the summer. The Commission discussed the ability of the Lifeguards to enforce Town rules and to prohibit behavior not suitable for public recreational areas. The Commission noted that staff should be able to handle the challenges of the job in regard to behavior of teens and rowdy individuals.

Web Page- The Commission discussed the benefits of putting photos of the Town facilities, buildings and parks on the web page. The director noted that people call to rent the community centers and it would be helpful for them to view the interior of the buildings online. S. Renner volunteered to take pictures for the Town Web Site.

Face Book- W. Lionetta said he edited the Face Book page and the Commission discussed if it was published. S. Renner offered to assist with getting the page discoverable so we can start using the Face Book Page as a marketing tool.

### ***New Business***

May 5 Clean Up Day- The Rotary Club and PMHS students will be volunteering to clean up the B&M Railroad Park and the John Racine Trail on May 5 from 9:00am-12:00pm. River Run Deli will be providing lunch to the volunteers at 1:00pm. Parks and Recreation will supervise the cleanup and will take debris to the dump.

Work Study Program- K. Troendle reported that a PMHS student is working at the department two days a week from 8:10am-12:00pm as part of a work study program. The student is working with a staff member and is performing maintenance tasks.

Program Advertising- S. Renner discussed the benefits of offering on line registration to program users. It is more efficient and the way things are done now. The Commission discussed researching different options for offering on line registration. S. Renner stated the benefits of constant contact to provide seasonal or monthly updates to the list serve of up to 500 for \$126/year. The emails could have a link to the online registration and people could pay with a credit card.

Alton Bay Christian Conference Center- K. Troendle reported she recently had a tour of the Alton Bay Christian Conference and the use of the facility was offered for town events and programs. The Commission discussed the available resources including: meeting hall, teen center, fields and dining hall and appreciated the offer to host Parks and Recreation events there.

### ***Other***

Competitive Races/ Tournaments- The Commission looked at various options for prizes for the 5K Race and Volleyball Tournaments including coolers and bags. No decisions were made.

Volleyball Court- S. Renner asked about the status of installing the volleyball net at the Mike Burke Volleyball Court for the volleyball players. It was noted it will be put up shortly.

### ***Adjournment***

C. Burke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm; motion was seconded by S. Renner and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 2012 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

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