Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
June 4, 2026
6:00pm, Pearson Road Community Center

Members Present: Ken Roberts, Kelly Sullivan, Kristin Thomas, Erick Bourdeau and Carol Diveny- left the meeting at 6:20pm.
Friends of Parks and Recreation Representative: Jill Houser
Staff Present: Kellie Troendle-Parks and Recreation Director

Call To Order

Chairman, K. Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

E. Bourdeau made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; motion was seconded by C. Diveny and passed.

Approval of Minutes

K. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2026, as presented. Motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Public Input (limited to 3 minutes per person- agenda items only)

There was no Public Input.

Meeting with Friends of Parks and Recreation- Suggested Improvements at B&M Park

Jill Houser, chair of Friends of Parks and Recreation, presented a draft proposal for improvements to B&M Park consisting of removing the existing sandbox and replacing it with a new sandbox option within the fenced area, and adding additional wood theme structures as part of the Phase 1 improvements. The Commission thanked J. Houser for the group's efforts and discussed the proposed ideas. K. Roberts suggested another option for the sandbox tires due to possible contaminants, poor appearance and safety concerns; perhaps recycled plastic that looks like wood may be an option. There was discussion about the Town contributing to this project through the DPW Department (staff labor, use of Town vehicles and disposing of old timbers). The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed hosting a site visit to view the layout proposal after more information is gathered including project costs, location of proposed structures, proposed installation dates, and confirmed contractors to do the work.

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Old Business

PMHS Tennis Courts- E. Bourdeau will confirm with the Building and Grounds Committee what PMHS is able to offer with line/court painting for Pickleball games and what the cost would be. The Commission would need to approve the funding for the project which would be paid through the Pickleball program user fees. It was discussed that the Pickleball players would like to provide input on line layout, and court orientation if possible.

Carol Diveny left the meeting.

New Business

Parks and Recreation Commission- Appointment of Board Members- The Commission discussed appointing the chairperson and vice-chairperson for 2026. K. Thomas made a motion to appoint K. Roberts as the chairperson and K. Sullivan as the vice-chairperson. Motion was seconded by E. Bourdeau and passed.

Parks and Recreation Athletic Program- The Commission discussed options for the fall soccer program. E. Bourdeau suggested to continue with the offerings from last year and to perhaps add on a U8 soccer team that could be incorporated into the existing Let's Play Soccer Program. The Commission also discussed names for the Athletic Program. E. Bourdeau will confirm the program set up and then the program will be advertised with a start time of fall 2026.

Corn Hole Tournament- The Commission discussed options for sponsoring a Corn Hole Tournament this summer. E. Bourdeau offered to organize and run the event with help from Commission members. E. Bourdeau will confirm the logistics and rules of the event then it will be advertised.

Bike Trails Meeting- Peter Bolster asked the Parks and Recreation Department to host a meeting to discuss adding bike trails in Alton and using the old railroad beds. The meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026 and the DPW director and Parks and Recreation director will attend. K. Roberts may also attend to represent the Commission. K. Sullivan noted that feedback she received from the community over the years was that the community supported connecting bike trails within Alton town borders, and that a path from PMHS to the center of Alton is needed to improve connectivity.

Other

Program update- K. Troendle reported that the Pilates class is on pause for July and August due to the instructor having other obligations; the hiking program was canceled due to safety concerns with high participant numbers and no assisting staff to support the program and the Line Dance program is full with over 40 participants in the two classes. The Department is seeking instructors for programs, classes, etc. The Department is also hiring for the vacant Recreation Assistant position to help organize, lead and implement programs.

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Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

No public input.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm; the motion was seconded by E. Bourdeau and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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