

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
March 5, 2024
6:00 pm
Severance School Community Center**

Commissioners Present: Zach Eaton, Chairman; Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Mary Royer; Pat Kelly; Jen Strabone; Tom Carroll, Selectman Representative

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator; Brian D'Amelio, Auburn Little League President

Bunny Brunch- Bunny Brunch is coming up on March 30. Registration is ongoing. Because of space, there will be 3 seatings, 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Set up will be Friday, March 29 at 5:30 pm to get everything ready. Volunteers are needed and specifically someone with a truck should pick up supplies at the storage building. Zach volunteered his son Cole to meet at the storage building to get all the supplies. The supplies will be ready for him to grab and bring to Severance. Additional helpers are needed both that night and at the event the following morning. The morning prep will begin at 6:30 am.

Senior Tea- 24 attended the new Senior Tea that replaced the past Senior Dinner. Everyone had a good time and positive feedback was given on the suggestion cards. Because we have more in the budget, a second senior event in the fall is in the works.

Brazilian United Soccer Camp- Amy followed up with other towns that are scheduled to host camps with Brazilian United with mixed reviews. And after clarifying with Brazilian United, this would be a P&R sponsored program. Since there are still too many unknowns to endorse this camp, the Commission agreed to put this on hold at least until next year.

Little League/Town Wayne Eddows Field Use MOU- Brian, Zach and the Little League board edited the ASC version of the Wayne Eddows Field Use MOU. Brian explained the changes that were made.

Mr. Eaton motioned to accept the Little League/Town MOU as written. Ms. Royer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Library Expansion & Community Center- On February 26, the BOS met with the Library Trustees and Library staff along with Amy as the P&R representative. The two groups are again working together because the BOS said they would only approve a design of the library expansion that included both library and P&R. At this meeting, it was discussed what the library expansion will look like to include Parks and Rec and Community Center and the space needed by both groups. The library is planning to continue with the design they originally presented and suggest that the rec portion be added to the existing design. Previous designs were brought back up to discuss how to blend the two departments. The next step is to see what the town's interest in this project with the vote on Article 20 at the March election. No further meetings were scheduled until after the election.

Heat at Severance- The furnace at Severance needed repairs in February when it stopped working. Temps dropped to the 50's on cold days. Parks & Rec paid to have it repair for approximately \$2500. However, Jim Trombly Plumbing and Heating recommended having the furnace replaced. In our agreement with Manchester Water Works, the Town is responsible for repairs and MWW is responsible for major items to be replaced such as roof, septic or the furnace. Chris Sterndale will alert MWW that we may need to look into replacing the furnace in the near future.

Facilities Update- Portapotty delivery is scheduled for the first week of April. Trash pickup at Wayne Eddows resumes the same time. Everyone agreed to continue with Alliance for the fertilizer treatment schedule. That contract will be paid after the election and 2024 budget is passed. Alliance has again offered a \$500 discount per location if they can hang their sign.

The skating rink has been put away for the season. It was only open for 3 days due to the warm weather, which is the same as in 2023. The liner had some tears. Steve will attempt to repair it but it may need to be replaced.

Little League- Evaluations are the second and third Saturday in March. Team selections will be complete in the first week of April. It's expected that there will be approximately 230 registered with 20 teams from t-ball all the way up to 13/14 year olds. The season will begin the second weekend in April and opening day is scheduled for May 4.

ASC- Registrations are now open. The season expects to begin around the first weekend in April.

Review of Minutes- *Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of November 7, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of February 2, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Strabone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting-. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 2**, at 6:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center.

Ms. McEvoy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.