



City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Scott Holland, and Haley Warden

Absent: Tim Cogle, and Paula Curtis-Everett

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for September were approved (no meeting in October) – Haley/Jeremy; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Winter Programming** – Programs are full and busy. Basketball (which is free this year) all division are full 1st-6th grade all but 12 are Auburn residents.

New Business:

- **Winterfest** – Jeremy does not have an update yet not sure who it “belongs to” at this point. Possibly it will belong to the new downtown coordinator.
- **Board membership** – The city does have the open positions posted on the city website. Jeremy and Scott will follow-up with Liz to publicize on social media.
- **Grab N’ Go** – Jeremy communicated to the board that CDBG funding will end June 30th, 2023. Not sure if the city will take it over or not.

Work in Progress:

- Misty said moving forward for the meetings since the board is on the lean side it would be a good idea for Jeremy to start thinking about what is needed as far as recreational standpoint now that the parks are more structurally sound. She also said that there is a need for people to chair the work groups and thought that now would be a good time to get some of the work completed. Misty said she will send the RFP to the board for the food forest so they can review and make edits as needed
- **Lake Grove Beach** – The playground is nearly finished. Company should have it completed within the week. Poured in Place walkway will be finished next spring due to current temperatures that will not allow concrete to dry. The wood chips have been delivered to Public Works for install this fall. Remaining ground work and Hot Top walkway will be put in next spring. The board agreed that everything looks great.
- **PAL** – Jeremy handed out the “wish list” to the board for Thanksgiving meals for PAL families only. This will be partially prepared (cooking all day Wednesday and delivering Thursday) and partially unprepared. Staff are starting to prepare for Christmas as well. PAL is also a location for Toys for tots.



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- **Playground Projects** – Lower Pettengill will be started Monday the 14th if the ground does not freeze.

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Misty; all in favor unanimous

Next meeting will be held Wednesday December 14, 2022 – 4:30 pm and the Auburn Community Senior Center.