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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 10, 2024, at 4:30pm (Tot Lot)

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Corey Kinnan, and Elisabeth Collier

Absent: Dawna Labonte, Haley Warden, Sara Parker, Tim Cogle, Julia Bergeron-Smith, and Philip Savignano

Meeting Minutes: June's minutes approved Elisabeth /Corey; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- Sara said that the staff has been great, and that summer camp is going well. She said that the gym is the only area that does not have any form of an AC. Per the school the AC is broken.
- Sara reminded the committee that July is Parks and Rec month. There is a flyer with a list of activities, concerts, hikes & programs happening in Auburn on Facebook (this flyer is also posted at the Hasty Community Building).
- Road Trip Roundup has started you can pick them at Auburn Public Library or the Rec
- Movies in the park will start this Friday July 12th will be held at the Joe Walker Memorial Field

New Business:

- **New Park Potential:**
 - **Crescent Beach –**
 - Misty explained to the committee that Crescent Beach is owned and was run by an elderly couple. The husband recently passed and the wife although she wants it to remain a public beach, she does not want to run it alone. The city would like to take that over. Jeremy will reach out to someone at city hall about contacting her.
- **Neighborhood Associations**
 - Misty said the committee should investigate this further

Work in Progress:

- **Walton –**
 - Julia and Haley did have a meeting with the superintendent, and they will report back next month as both are absent this month.

Parks Tours Notes:

- **Tot Lot –**
 - Jeremy told the committee that there were a few weddings that had been held at Tot Lot
 - The committee discussed road repairs due to the flooding (there have been groups that had difficulties getting into Tot Lot for their events). The committee agreed that there was a need for repairs and rebuilding, maybe creating a new road entrance with better drainage.
 - Tot Lot also abuts 150 acres of water shed property that is protected by the Androscoggin Land Trust. They have already started to build trails on that land. Misty said that Tot Lot could possibly be a trail head for one of those trails.
 - Misty pointed out a space that may work for a fountain. She also said that she remembered all the same playground equipment from when she was a child.
 - Misty told the committee that there is a company in Gray that designs community food forests. She thought that keeping it local would be a good idea

Meeting was adjourned, Corey/Misty; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday August 14, 2024 – 4:30pm (Park Tour Continues)