

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee

5/17/2016

4:00 pm

Mason-Motz Conference Center

Meeting Called By: Karen Jones

Note Taker: Andrea Mittleder

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Sally Bitan, Janet Dye, Melanie Collins, Dan Smith, Andrea Mittleder

Secretary's Report:

No changes to minutes from April meeting. Motion to accept minutes made by Janet, seconded by Melanie. All voted in favor.

Parks Division Report:

The department has been extremely busy. So far, the department has only hired one out of four seasonal workers. They have advertised and are hoping to fill the remaining positions soon. The fields are dry, and the baseball and lacrosse seasons are in full swing. Work to repair the Walton Park dock will be starting soon.

FCP Report:

The spring-summer brochure is out. Adult and summer programs are filling up.

The new "before and after the bell" program is already more than half full. Alice Outslay will be the director of the program. Kate Harris has already lined up some of her counselors to staff the program.

On June 22, several members of the parks crew will be attending Turf Day, a conference held this year in New Hampshire for addressing field maintenance issues.

Work on the tennis courts will also begin soon. Cracks will be filled, the courts will be repainted, and the lights and timers will be upgraded.

Concerts have been scheduled for the summer. For the first time, we have a rain venue at the Casco Bay Youth Hockey arena. They anticipate putting turf down next year for the summer to accommodate soccer groups. They have been using the rink for box lacrosse this spring.

Projects:

Lucky D'Ascanio has met with the general contractor and will be meeting with a local architect regarding work on the new kitchen area in the Mason-Motz building. Work is anticipated to begin in mid-August.

Old Business/New Business:

Karen told the group about the Hands Around the Cove program has begun advertising and collecting sponsors. They need 3500 people to hold hands to surround Back Cove on Sunday, September 18, 2016. It is a fundraising event hosted by the Greater Portland Board of Realtors to support the United Way. Food trucks and entertainment will be in attendance. The website is www.handsaroundthecove.org. The website contains a map with different registration sections. There is a \$10 per person registration/donation fee.

June 22, 2016 will be the town's annual volunteer dinner.

The next pet forum public meeting will be held on June 27, 2016.

At the next meeting, we should have an update on the town's 1718 tercentennial celebration.

Next Meeting:

June 21, 2016.