

Parks and Community Programs Advisory Committee
10/17/2017
4:00 pm
Mason-Motz Conference Center

Meeting Called By: Lucky D'Ascanio

Note Taker: Andrea Mittleider

Attendees: Lucky D'Ascanio, Karen Jones, Melanie Collins, Andrea Mittleider, Jeff Mason

Secretary's Report:

Approval of September meeting minutes postponed until November meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Parks Division:

The Fall Classic was very successful this year. The division helped install and then remove 20 soccer goals for the event.

Some of the fields at Community Park received slice aeration to help with weed control and lawn growth.

One hundred cubic yards of wood chips were installed throughout the Falmouth playgrounds as needed.

The crew bush-hogged some of the town's open space areas, including the new McLean property off Babbidge Road. They also cleared some additional areas for the cross-country team.

Patrick Keanan from the Biodiversity Research Institute has been banding saw whet owls at Suckfish Brook. A number of other birds are also being banded this year.

LMAC:

LMAC and PACPAC recently fielded complaints about mountain bikers racing down Autumn Way off Hadlock Community Forest. They decided to research relocating a portion of the trail.

FCP:

The Ireland trip was a great success. A trip to England is planned for April. Kate Harris also took a group to the Bethel Inn today.

The new senior conference room has been seeing much use. Sixteen people came to play mahjong today. Generally, the room is popular among seniors from around 9am through 2 or 3pm.

Underwood Park will receive improvements to the parking area and a new sign in 2019. There may also be room in the budget for playground improvements. No park on the eastern side of town has swings, so that could be a useful addition. A site visit is planned for next spring.

Landscaping will commence next spring so as to assure good growth of healthy plants at Town Green. Exterior lighting improvements are well underway they should be finished by the end of November. PACPAC committee members toured the park and viewed improvements following the meeting.

Old Business/New Business:

None.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2017