

**Present:** Members Phil Sanborn, Geoff Calton, Dawn Genes,  
Guests: Stacey Bender, Peter Hoyt, Laura Gund, Erik Sawtelle, Stan Barker

Minutes from August 1 meeting were read and approved

## OLD BUSINESS

### Little River Fest and Lee Old Home Day

The Harvest Supper is getting organized. The Rec Commission would like to purchase tickets to give to the sponsors of the banners at the Babe Ruth Field. Paper tickets should be available to turn in for real tickets the day of the event. The Rec Commission will reimburse the Ag Commission for the tickets that are turned in. A head count by September 20. Cost of tickets is \$10 per adult and \$5 per kid under the age of 14. Tickets will be on sale at the Town Hall, library and at the Lee Fair and Farmer's Markets on Thursdays. A roast pig and roasted chicken will be the menu choice along with local vegetables and homemade desserts. The Harvest Supper will be served at 5 pm.

Erik said the tents for the supper will go up on Friday morning and then the tables and chairs will be brought in. Help is needed to set up the tents.

Laura Gund asked to meet with a member of the Recreation Commission to see where the tractors will be parked on the day of the Festival. The number of tractors is not certain at this time but it will be at least ten. There is a possibility of five display tables from other commissions and groups working in town. Heritage Commission, Energy Commission, Ag Commission, Conservation and possibly Strafford County Conservation Commission.

Five or six farms will have Open Farm on the day of Old Home Day. A map and flyer is needed so that people know which farms and where to go. Huttons, Flag Hill, Velvet Pastures(Griswold Elk Farm), Demerit Hill Farm, Hickory Nut Farm on York Lane are planning to be open on September 24.

The tractor parade will leave the Safety Complex at 10 am and proceed to the Park. Tractors will leave the Park at 2 pm.

The Boy Scouts will be available the day of the Festival to manage parking. They would be very helpful if they also helped with the collection of trash.

Live music begins at 2 pm and goes until 6 pm.

The Conservation Commission would like to offer nature walks during the day. Carol Doering will be leading one at 4 pm.

There will be a U13/14 Boys Baseball will be playing a game on the Babe Ruth Field – two five inning games – starting at 10 am.

Maximum Velocity will perform at 1:30 pm.

Kids Events: There will be carnival games run by AGR fraternity. There will be a bouncy house. There might be a judo demonstration.

Food Court: AGR fraternity will do the food court again starting at 11 am and closing at 5 pm.

Power: The Park generator will be running and there will also be two more there to run the things that need power.

Overflow Parking: Chief Murch was to be checking on using the Mast Way parking lot as overflow parking and to shuttle people.

Park Clean Up Prior To Little River Fest: September 17 from 9 am to noon. Flower planting, trail clean up, trail signs, etc. Request for help will be going out from Dawn to the trails volunteers, the Coast Guard guys that helped before, and any others that the Rec Commission can reach out to.

#### Recent Activities at Little River Park

Basketball Courts at LRP: The posts were installed yesterday and the backboards will go up this week. Scott Perry helped and so did Chet Murch. Ricky Stevens dug the holes.

Phil and his son and Geoff and his kids overseeded and fertilized the baseball fields and lawn areas.

Ben Genes brush mowed the front entrance and the back trail.

Clay came in from the High Road Bridge project. This material could be used to firm up some of the sandy trails and mixed to shore up some eroding sites.

Kirk Block redid the pitcher's mound.

The ClimbNet structure was installed in August.

#### Playground at LRP

Dawn expressed concern about the slide that has been installed at the Park. It is up above the ground and in a position that will be difficult to maintain due to foot traffic and erosion. Dawn asked Dave Miner who is a playground inspector to go to the Park and look at the slide. He will prepare a report for the Rec Commission and this will be shared with the members when received. Extensions for the slide have been ordered. Dawn suggested that if the slide cannot be made to safety standards before September 24 that it be dismantled for Little River Fest and put to the side.

### Little River Master Plan

The Selectmen have asked the Recreation Commission for a Master Plan for Little River Park that will include what has been installed, what it planned, management and maintenance, and funding. A draft is being developed and the final plan may not be ready until December.

### Canoe Launch at Wadleigh Falls

A new canoe launch has been constructed up-river from Wadleigh Falls along Route 152. The construction is granite steps installed by Dones Landscaping. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee paid for the project and donated the site to the Town of Lee

### Art Programs

Carolyn West contacted the Recreation Commission to ask if there is a facility to hold painting programs for seniors. A suitable indoor location is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm