

February Monthly Report Parks and Recreation

In January I completed a walkthrough with a playground inspector through all three of our playgrounds in Winslow. It was very informational and gave me a better idea of the needs and expenses that it will take to bring all our playgrounds to a safe standard. I plan on bringing my notes and information to my budget session. If there are any town councilman that would like to discuss ahead of time, I'm happy to do that as well.

At our Parks and Recreation board meeting we decided to move ahead with allowing our rec basketball teams and our competitive cheering teams to participate in out-of-town competitions. A big thank you to Skowhegan Rec Department and Oakland Recreation Department for hosting our Winslow teams for us. Most of our 3-6 teams have decided to continue to have a travel season and or continued skill development. We will also be starting a High School/Junior High skill development program in March.



One of our Cheer Teams "The Princesses"



Our 3/4 Girls team competing at the Skowhegan Rec Center

It's hard to believe as cold as January has been but garden plots in the community garden have started to be rented out, summer recreation plans are developing, and the Fort Halifax Committee will be starting their planning for this year's Fort Halifax days event.

On January 20th, 2022, I attended the MRPA Parks and Recreation Budget Seminar. It had parks directors from all over the state reviewing their budget process, capitol planning, and best practices in managing recreation activity budgets. It was eye opening to see the similarities and differences we all had. I walked away with better ideas on presenting my budget as well as some great fundraising plans to better support my current programming.

Respectfully Submitted,

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