

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING
June 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Sean Gaughan, Frank Kelly, William Goho, and Chris Cutler. Scott Winslow and Grace Gervais were also in attendance.

A motion was made by member Andy Bruscini, and was seconded by member Chris Cutler to accept the minutes from the May 11th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

Scott reported the Manville Park problem that was unforeseen could delay the opening of the field for usage. He will have a better idea on Friday with companies coming in to look at the problem. He will report back in the next meeting. Chris requested an update before the next meeting, because soccer registration closes on July 23rd, and he is building the teams, and will need to know ASAP if Manville can not be used in the Fall. Scott stated that he will call Chris and let him know.

The parade was a success! It was very hot, but very positive feedback.

The summer program will be at five parks in town. The program calendars will be out by Friday. 35 percent of the staff will be new hires. All of the interviews are done and there is a good mixture of people. Scott gave at least 40-50 interviews. The summer program this year is a six week program for 2nd through 8th graders. There will be stricter check-ins because of the world we live in to make sure it is done correctly. John asked how do you keep track of all of the kids at the parks? Scott responded with zone defense. The staff is spread out within the park and cover a zone. The staff is well-trained and the parents/pickup person's ID will be checked when child is picked up.

Kick boxing ended and had a lot of positive feedback. Looking to do new programs with tennis, field hockey, lacrosse and possibly track and field. June 25th there will be a pickle ball tournament which has been extremely popular.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – Looks great! The barrels needed emptying. The chalk was back on the outbuilding. The grass on the field itself was completely burned. Is there an irrigation system? The woodchips need to be replaced. The gate at the batting cage. Arnold Park needs a sign. The tree issue was fixed at Saylesville and looks really good. Massive machinery there to cut down the trees by outside contracting. Three lights are out at Sullivan Field. Scott said the lights will be fixed, they are just getting the right bulbs.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – The red piece of playground equipment needs new tie downs. We think this is the responsibility of the school department. Sam Moore needs to be weed whacked. The park looks good. There is water on the infield at Sam Moore between shortstop and second base. Hien looks great.

Albion- John Sharkey – The Park really looks nice. The playground needs woodchips. We need a new park sign. On the main building, some siding is ripping off. The infield has some areas that puddle up.

Manville- Frank Morin – He was not able to attend the meeting, but did drop off his park checklist. There is a lot of litter in the parking lot and near the pavilion. Manville Farm League keeps up with it daily. The bathrooms are shut down due to plumbing at the soccer field. There is the old graffiti from last year near the concession stand. We hope to clean it up in July. There are two swings missing at the playground and one swing broken. The padding on the basketball court pole closest to the baseball field is damaged and ripped. The town is still working on updating the park signs. No geese on the soccer field. The pavilion floor and tables were painted. Manville Farm League is finishing up its season with playoffs this week and next. The picnic will be the last Saturday in June.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – The Cecile St park sign is down. Andy talked with Phil and TJ Russo about things going on in the park. The grass in the outfield is burned. There is a rim missing. The damage from a couple of years ago is still there. There is graffiti. Trash is at the playground. Still dogs on the field. Kids have been swearing like crazy and the neighbors want extra police presence.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – There has been a lot of action at the park with tennis and the basketball courts. Water is collected under the pavilion water valve. The gate is still down at the tennis courts. The trash was emptied. John reported that we need protection on the dugouts in the rear field. The picnic table is still being used as an L-screen and they leave it on the field. We need a fence on the third base side of the front field to protect the fans. Park looks good.

Quinville- William Goho – Park looks good. He hardly ever sees an issue with litter and people do use the barrels. A lot of young children and people using the basketball courts. The grass cutting has been kept up, but needs to be treated for weeds. On the edges, there is a big build up of leaves. There are one or two minor fence repairs needed on the back side. It looks great with utilizing the space. The town is doing a great job.

Scott reported that all of the sprinklers are on at all of the parks. There was a lack of communication, but they are all on now!

Old Business:

A) Identify available recreational space: We need to make up a list of recreational space. Sean asked about The Narrows, and what environment thing happened there? The space would have to be capped off

because of hazardous material or bring infill. The town can't do it. Some organization with a grant would have to do it. John stated that the fencing there is like new.

Chris asked about the space behind the Middle School? Also behind CCRI? Old court behind the Cumberland Farms. Also, the space in the front of the basketball courts at Saylesville?

Andy asked about the area on the corner of Carrington St and Front St? Also, the area on Twin River off of Rt 246.

John also asked about the land in back of the Middle School? We know that it crosses under the powerlines, but it is pretty flat. How much land is there? Maybe we wouldn't use the space for the school, but rather a recreational space. We should all go out and walk it and see what's there? Pull out a plat map. John also talked about a piece of land off of Angell Rd that was deeded to the town about 17 or 18 years ago? The town had exclusive rights there. John also stated Camp Meehan. Scott can we repair it, but not create anything new? Scott stated that we can look more into this with the map. John also asked about the land around Handy Pond? John asked if that is untouchable? Also, the Crest Tile piece of property? Frank Kelly asked about the walking area on Twin River Rd?

B) Fencing and Bleacher update: The bids are due on Friday 6/10/22. The last time we went out to bid, they came in higher than expected. We had to make small changes and go out to bid again. Scott reported that they would like to put a fence in the backfield of LA, they would create a dugout with the fencing, and in the future we could look at money for a roof. Four new bleachers are going in at LA, and we are looking into putting a fence in the front field to protect the fans. The bleachers are set at Sam Moore. Albion will be getting the last one's.

C) Proposed new Physical Education Center: The meetings continue. They are trying to finalize a layout. Possibly going to be two courts and a 3-lane track. We don't think there is enough money for three courts. John reported that they are taking donations.

D) Maintenance for spring sports: The parks and recreation laborers have been keeping up well with the fields. Welcome thing to see! The guys are on a barrel schedule. But, Scott did report that sometimes the barrels are full, but the guys are at another field for some sort of maintenance. If the school has a function/event, that sometimes messes up the barrel emptying schedule. Scott was hoping that maybe next year, the school can help with emptying trash if they have an event because it can be very time consuming.

New Business:

A) Summer program for kids: The summer program for the kids is a 6 week program this year for 2nd graders through 8th graders.

B) Summer Concerts: Scott reported that we will have four concerts this summer! June 18th, July 16th, August 6th, and Sept 3rd.

Andy made a motion to cancel the July monthly meeting and resume meetings back in August. The motion was seconded by Chris Cutler.

Sean Gaughan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member Andy Bruscini seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.