

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING
September 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Frank Kelly, William Goho, and Chris Cutler. Scott Winslow, the Parks & Rec Director was also present.

A motion was made by member Andy Bruscini, and was seconded by member Chris Cutler to accept the minutes from the August 10th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – The parks look good. Minor trash, but nothing like last month. This is the first month in a while with no chalk or graffiti. Saylesville is in desperate need of woodchips because they are all washed down to the basketball court. The batting cage pole is tilted a bit. The sign at Arnold Park needs to be replaced. The fence at Arnold Park needs to be fixed. John reported that three lights are out at Sullivan.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – Sean was not able to make it to the meeting but sent me his report in email. Lonsdale has some graffiti on the concession stand. There is a broken and overturned picnic table. There is also another broken anchor in the red playground on the saucers. John also reported that there is graffiti on the back of the dugouts.

Albion- John Sharkey – The Park is in good shape but needs woodchips at the playground. The fencing issues are going to be repaired by Lincoln Little League. Still no sign at Albion Park.

Manville- Frank Morin – Frank wasn't able to attend the meeting but gave me his report. There is no new graffiti to report. We are now missing three swings at the playground. There are large cracks in the middle of the basketball court. The town fixed and painted the bench that was in center field. The park is overall clean, and no vandalism that he could see. The soccer field looks great! Chris stated that with increased traffic, kids are riding motor bikes through the park, and it seems to be a lot more people using the park. Maybe we need a sign that says "by permit only" on the soccer field to avoid other organizations from taking the field. Chris also reported that the parking in Manville is awful, and it makes it hard to schedule a lot of things there. John asked if there is any space for added parking? Chris said he would take a look at it. The field held up great with all of the rain. RAD sports did a really nice job!

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini- The grass looks great. The parking lot already has a lot of acorns and leaves. The pickle ball court is missing a net. A rim and a net missing. The same damage from three years ago is still there. The light is hanging down at the pavilion. The pavilion needs to be power washed with the green mold/moss. There is litter at the playground area. The fencing needs to be fixed on the Cecile St side. When are we going to get stuff fixed here? Scott is aware of the problems that need to be fixed, but we just need to free up guys to get over there.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres looks good. The grass needs to be cut. Some weeds are on the infield. The bleachers look good. There are no signs of vandalism. We need new playground equipment and a park sign.

Quinville- William Goho – The park is in pretty good shape. The grass at the playground is almost like straw, and it didn't come back after the rain. Maybe we need some fertilizer. No graffiti to report. Same fence issue as before. The basketball nets are torn and frayed. There were some bottles so maybe we could get a sign the use the trash barrels. Some people just don't use the barrels.

Old Business:

A) Identify available recreational space: Chris asked if there was a way we could get a list of the properties owned by the Town of Lincoln from the Town Planner? We could look at the map and see the locations of where things are, and if any other areas around it were accessible. Andy asked if we can do anything with the old basketball court area at Fairlawn? Scott and Phil are looking at all areas. Chris stated that we have to get creative, and that the field situation is not ideal, but we have to make it work. The High School is using the Pit for sport every day.

B) Fencing and Bleacher update: All of the bleachers are up. Albion looks great. Scott has a meeting tomorrow to check out Saylesville and Fairlawn with a fencing guy. We are looking to replace the third base side at Fairlawn for sure.

C) Proposed new Physical Education Center: The groundbreaking ceremony was last Thursday. The construction should be starting, and should be completed by the end of next summer.

D) Maintenance for fall sports: Need to keep the grass cut. The grass looks amazing now from all of the rain. We need to take a look at some sort of schedule for irrigation on some of these fields. Is someone monitoring it? The amount of time the water is on should be monitored.

New Business:

A) Fall Programs: We will be having a chess program, kick boxing again, and a lacrosse program in the beginning of November. The youth center will start up again Mid-October. Flag football is having an issue with space with all of the other sports going on. John asked if the lights work at the Pit?

B) Activities at Chase Farm: The Farmer's Market in August went very well, and maybe next year we can do one a month. The Hearthside is putting on the Bewitched and Bedazzled Event and the Hocus

PocusMovie night at Chase Farm on October 1st. The civil war reenactment also. The concert that the town had two weeks agowas the biggest one so far! We completely exhausted all of the parking. The band has a huge following and so do the food trucks. There probably was around 2500 people in attendance. Scott has already had abunch of bands reach out for next year. John reported that Chase Farm seems like a great place for a spookytrail similar to what they do at Diamond Hill State Park.

C)Other: The Town Clerk asked all commission members to do a write upand describe what the purpose of our commission is? What does this commission do, and what is ourpurpose? What can we do to add value tothe Town? This will help people who areapproached to serve on the commission.

We will be having a special walkthrough meeting of the area behind the Lincoln Middle School on September 20th at 5 p.m.

AndyBruscini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member Chris Cutler secondedthe motion.

The meetingadjourned at 5:40 p.m.