

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING
October 12, 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, Frank Morin, and Sean Gaughan. Scott Winslow was also present.

A motion was made by member Andy Bruscini, and was seconded by member Frank Kelly to accept the minutes from the September 14th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report: Scott stated that we are going to wait until the leaves are down to pick them up at all of the parks. Makes more sense to pick up all at one time. John stated that the graffiti needs to be addressed at Lonsdale dugouts and Fairlawn. Scott met with the fencing guy to check out the tilted batting cage pole and the fencing problem at Little Fenway. We haven't gotten a quote yet. The backstop area and the third baseside. Scott tried to fix it in the Spring. Scott wants to get new signs at all of the parks. Scott talked to Phil about the signs, and they both think that they should be printed with the new ordinances with the new rules. Maybe we can put the signs in the budget for next year.

Programs: Chess had good participation. RAD fitness had good reviews. All of the bleachers are set. The flag football numbers were down a little. We didn't cancel it, but not good numbers. This is free through the Boys and Girls Club starting Saturday.

We do have a long list of things to get done, we will try our best to get them done, and you need to remember that things do come up unexpectedly. The seven parks and their barrels are very time-consuming. Paul and Dan are working hard.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – Scott stated that the last major storm, he went out with Leslie to find out where the runoff water is coming from and where it's creating a stream through the woodchips. The woodchips need to be done in the Spring. We need to talk with the school and buy in bulk, and also need to fix the problem first. The zip ties need to be fixed, and now that they all are missing, it has become more of a project.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan- Park is pretty good. Little bit of graffiti on the dugout and concession stand. The dumpster is finally gone. The Park is pretty clean. The water still sits on Sam Moore. The school needs to fix the playground. The batting cage is still up. Haven't seen dogs on the fields in awhile. Scott has a guy coming to look at Lonsdale playground equipment & will have check out the Manville swings as well. John stated that kids are putting barrels on top of picnic tables again. Scott had the guys chain them up now. Scott talked with a guy about specifically fixing playground equipment.

Albion- John Sharkey- Looks tremendous. No graffiti. Might need woodchips. Existing cracks in the basketball court that aren't getting any smaller. Need a park sign. Is the pickle ball court regulation size? The infield has been very well maintained through the fall season. The fencing is the only priority. Scott is hesitant to put so much money into filling cracks at Albion because the fill at Manville Park & Lime Acres tennis courts only lasted about two years. Is there another solution?

Manville- Frank Morin- The park is quiet during the week, but not on the weekend. It is very clean and no new graffiti. Three missing swings on the playground. Scott stated that two new swings have come in and he was looking at an ADA swing to replace the third one. Frank did here motor bikes last month, but that problem was addressed by LYSA and it seems much better. The parking lot does look shabby. Maybe even if we just lined the parking lot, it would look better. We need to set game times off a little bit. If one game is ending, and one is starting, and the ice cream truck is there, there is no room to park. Maybe just allow a few minutes in between games. People are walking around the track during the week. Need a sign maybe "by permit only" which would maybe stop organizations from using the field. This is not to stop the average kid from playing catch on the land, but more the big organizations. Chris stated that the light bulbs on the building are out. Scott will order them, but he is wondering if they will just attract the kids at night if turned on.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – Andy thinks it's a waste of time for these meetings, and nothing ever gets done. The sign at Cecile St is down. The pavilion still has damage since before covid with the graffiti on the building. The missing net and the fence with the hole in it. The playground equipment is nice and the grass is nice. The leaves are falling but it's the time of year. According to neighbors, there has been problems with the kids in the park late at night. People have been setting up tents. There is graffiti on the building and pavilion area. Scott did state that they identified a person on 9/24/22 on camera for graffiti. The police do go out at night, but when they are going, no kids are there. We need to concrete another pole for a camera, but the cameras are solar powered and need clearance from the trees. We do need the pole secured so the camera doesn't get ruined. Scott did state that things in the parks are getting done, maybe not particularly in your park, but in others. We only have so many guys. We totally understand how this can be frustrating. Andy has a call into TJ Russo as well.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres is in good shape. The grass is good. The new lighting system in the back field. The batting cage is still up. Always people in the park. The playground needs updating and there is never anyone on it. Need a new sign in the front. The bench is going to be replaced by the Town and hopefully with metal so it doesn't get ruined again.

Quinville- William Goho -The litter is anon-issue. No graffiti. More people are sitting in the park areas intheir cars eating. Small benches arebroken because someone smashed it. Anotherbench in the back needs to be refinished. Maybe it would be a good idea to get a table closer to the parkingarea. In the fencing a couple of jointsare coming apart. Everything else is ingood shape with no nips. John statedthat Scott and our Administrator, Phil Gould, have been super supportive of allrecreational things and programs. Theyhave always been willing to listen. Philended up getting us cameras when we said we needed them. We do appreciate Scottshowing up to all of the meetings.

OldBusiness:

A) **Identify available recreational space:** We did gettogether for a meeting behind the Lincoln Middle School. The land is very dense, but pretty flat. The land would need to be cleared. It is not defined as to where the boundariesare.

B) **Fencing and Bleacher update:**

C) **Physical Education center update:** They have brokenground. They will be pouring the cementin two or three weeks for the foundation.

D) **Maintenance on fields:** Leaf pick up. John stated thatthe maintenance, at least with baseball, has been fantastic.

NewBusiness:

A) **Approve Rec Commission mission statement:** We provided a statement so that everyone in the public knows what thiscommission does. There was a motion toaccept the mission statement by member Andy Bruscini, and it was seconded bymember Frank Kelly.

B) **Fall/Winter sports:**

C) **Other:** Hocus Pocus was a successful event that we asa town had a helping hand in.

AndyBruscini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member William Goho secondedthe motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.