

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

November 9, 2022

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

A motion was made by member Chris Cutler, and was seconded by member Frank Kelly to accept the minutes from the October 12th meeting.

Director's Report:

Scott is going to check into the basketball court paperwork for the Manville and Lime Acres courts and see how long ago those were fixed. It definitely wasn't long ago. Maybe see what kind of warranty we might have to try to get the courts fixed. Smithfield just had new courts put in, so Scott is going to reach out to them to see who they used and the details of their courts. John stated that we need to find a better solution of the material used in building new courts so they don't crack.

The water has been turned off at all of the parks. They will be doing one last clean of the bathrooms for the winter. The sprinklers were winterized. We put up two swings at Manville and we are just waiting on the chain to come in for the ADA swing to go up. Lime Acres had two porta johns placed last weekend for the end of the soccer season. We tried to fix the problem at Sam Moore, but there is still a bigger problem there. We fixed the bench at Quinville. John Good just fixed the box on the leaf blower, but we are just waiting for all of the leaves to fall before pickup begins. We need to get another camera up at Fairlawn eventually. We will be working with the Public Works Director to speed it up before the winter to try to minimize the vandalism. We will be ordering a new metal bench for Lime Acres for the spring and putting the plaque back on the bench. Fencing issues are getting fixed.

For programs we have kickboxing and RAD. Grace is starting a fitness class with a base and drum sticks. Chess is on Saturday's at the youth center. Flag football had an issue with securing a field, and then it ended up being at the boys and girls club. Open play is going well. Lacrosse will be on Saturday's for 4 to 5 weeks. For the basketball program, we are securing gym space and leaving the registration open for December with hopes to start the first week of January. Andy asked if we will be having an adult basketball program this year? Scott answered that we would definitely like to, but we just need to find a time block for gym space.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – Both parks are looking good. Yesterday Arnold Park needed the barrels emptied. The chalk is reappearing on the building at Saylesville. Leaves are

everywhere. Not sure when it will get picked up. Both parks need woodchips in the Spring. We need to figure out the water issue at Saylesville. Two cross-beams need to be replaced at Arnold Park. On Tuesday they were taking the net down and the pole at the batting cage might actually fall down. We need a sign for Arnold Park. Lights are out at Saylesville. The parks are getting used.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan –

Albion- John Sharkey – The park looks in good shape. The playground needs woodchips. The basketball court has cracks. The fence repairs are complete with Lincoln Little League paying \$3600. We need a park sign. There are cracks on the siding of the building maybe from baseballs.

Manville- Frank Morin – Not too much to report. The park looks excellent. The town did put back up two of the swings. Very few people in the park. There are cracks in the basketball court that maybe we can fix in the spring. The grade on two sides of the basketball court is causing the water to come onto the court and crack it. No graffiti to report. The trash was emptied. The soccer field looks very good. Chris also stated that they will be taking the goal nets down for the winter. Can we move and chain the goal nets to the fence at Manville for the winter? Scott answered yes.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – Andy said congratulations to Phil Gould and all of the Town Council members for being reelected. The graffiti is gone, but there is still mold on the building. There is a rim missing at the pickle ball court and a broken rim. Same damage as before. Leaves are all over the park. The neighbors were asking if maybe in the Spring we could put speed bumps on Cecile St because they are afraid someone will get hit. On the third base side of the baseball field, there is emergency tape on the fence. Scott stated that the fence repair is happening there on Saturday. The same guy has the roaming dog on the field. There is a sign on the ground.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres is in good shape. Leaves are just along the fence line. We need a new sign and a new playground. The batting cage net is down. The new tennis nets are still up and we need to switch to the older nets for the winter. We are ordering a new metal bench for the spring.

Quinville- William Goho – Lots of leaves which is typical for the fall season. The fence is still in need of repair. The picnic bench in the playground area is in need of refinishing. The broken one was repaired. There is a small bench in the basketball court area that also needs repair.

Old Business:

- A) **Identify available recreational space:** When we did the field trip behind the Middle School it was so dense back there. Maybe once all of the leaves are down from the trees, we can do it again. The topical view of the area does show some wetlands. John

did go to the end of Tattersall Drive and there looks like there might be a right of way there. We should try to go back out again.

- B) **Fencing and Bleacher update:** Scott said that we do want to get rid of some of the old one's maybe at like Albion. Maybe repurpose them?
- C) **Physical Education Center Update:** The foundation is close to completion, followed by the floor and maybe siding within the next month. By the first of the year, it should look like something.
- D) **Maintenance on Fields. Leaf pick up:** Once all of the leaves have fallen, we will start the process of leaf pickup.

New Business:

- A) **Winter Sports:** John asked when the basketball program will begin and end. Scott is waiting for the permissions from the school and he is giving a month for people to sign up. We need the numbers finalized in order to order the shirts, and create the teams and schedule. John stated that people have been coming up to him asking why its starting later. Scott also stated that we can't get into the school during the holiday break. John said that with the new physical education center going in, maybe we can reevaluate the start of the basketball season for when we have more gym space. Even if the kids start practicing before they start playing games. The two gyms should be finished by next year.

John asked if there are any plans for Chase Farm for the winter? Scott stated that we have no plans as of yet. John suggested maybe a winter carnival?

- B) **Open Comments:** Next meeting is December 14th.

Andy Bruscini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member Chris Cutler seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.