

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

January 11, 2023

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

A motion was made by member Andy Bruscini, and was seconded by member Chris Cutler to accept the minutes from the December 14th meeting.

Director's Report:

Scott did report that the town noticed geese on the new soccer field in Manville. We last sprayed the field in June and it is starting to wear off. Scott asked if it is worth spraying again for the winter? The spray is a lot of money. Scott reached out to RAD and they stated that if the geese presence is only sporadic, they wouldn't recommend spraying until the spring. If the geese were there everyday, that would be different. The pond in the back of Manville makes it a prime spot. It is not consistent enough to spray yet.

Scott stated that the parks are quiet now. We want to power wash all buildings in the Spring. Woodchips are needed in all of the parks in the Spring. The signs are also needed.

Basketball started on January 7th and the numbers are great. With the Pre-K basketball players we are getting them used to the fundamentals. The kids are learning, having fun, getting active, and meeting new kids. Great success! Pre-K to second grade is at the High School, so we brought in portable adjustable hoops. The woman's pickup league starts tomorrow at Northern. The RAD fitness program is still ongoing. Grace is at the Youth Center tonight with that program.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – Same as last month. The same issues as on the previous list about drainage issue with the playground. Any rain we have, the water is ponding. This needs to be fixed before the Spring and putting new woodchips down. The flow of the water has changed and it takes all of the woodchips out of the playground. Scott did mention that the highway department did put some asphalt down, but there is still a problem. Arnold Park needs a sign. The protective sleeves need to be put back on Sullivan Field. Chris will see how many pieces are missing off of the fence. Maybe there is some laying around at the High School. The batting cage pole is still bent. There are cracks in the basketball court. The leaves look good. John reported that the lights on the ballfield need addressing. There are at least three or four lights out. Scott said he would talk to Greg to help with the lights. Chris says the school has a scissor lift. Frank also stated that there are a bunch out at Chet Nichols too. John asked how

economical are those lights? Does it make sense to change all the bulbs while there. John suggested going to LED type lighting. Frank Kelly said to go through the RISE program and they give a rebate. Many fields have switched over and they look really nice.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – Sean wasn't able to attend the meeting but John reported that the leaves haven't been picked up yet. John is going to send an email to the administrator. No vandalism. John reported a set of lights is out at Hien too!

Albion- John Sharkey – The park looks good and the leaves were picked up. Not too much activity there right now._

Manville- Frank Morin – The park is very quiet. No new vandalism. There are cracks in the basketball court. Crushed stone is needed in the dugouts. Geese are on the soccer field. Nothing to report besides spring time stuff. We need woodchips. The leaves were picked up. Chris asked about the protective netting from the soccer field to the playground. One of the guys from RAD cutting the grass chopped the netting. It hasn't been repaired yet.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – He brought the sign to the meeting that feel off of the fence. There are leaves behind homeplate and all around the fence. The pickleball court is missing the rims/nets. Third base is all washed out and needs attention in the spring. The pavilion still has holes. There has been dogs on the infield because you can see paw prints. The fence was fixed. John was led to believe that the pole for the camera was going to be put in.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – The park looks good. Not much use right now. The town did start fencing in the front side of the field and in the back field for the dugout area. The nets are still up. Chris asked if we can get the soccer goals chained to a tree. The roadway needs fixing. Needs a new playground and a new sign.

Quinville- William Goho – The activity in the park quite a bit. The parking area has people stopping to eat. There was a few beer cans and litter near the street. The leaves were all picked up but there have been a some that have collected now near the back fence. The town did take away the broken bench.

John did report that the vandalism seems to have gotten better at all of the parks. Scott stated that the cameras and catching the first few people have made it much better.

Old Business:

- A) Identify available recreational space.** The only place we have looked at is the Middle School. If we get decent weather in January or February, maybe we can revisit while the leaves are off of the trees.
- B) Fencing update:** Scott reported that the girls softball benches in the back of Lime Acres are directly near the parents. The fence enclosure at least gives the girls a little separation from the parents. Later on maybe we can put a roof on the enclosure. John stated that they have something similar at Whipple Field in Smithfield if you wanted to

look at it. John asked if any of the fencing projects were cut from the fencing project? Scott stated that they were all completed between our own guys and an outside guy. Lime Acres should be completed by tomorrow. The town guys fixed the gates at the tennis courts at Lime Acres. Scott is meeting the guy at Fairlawn park to look at more work. Due to the weather, the temperatures have to be right for welding.

- C) Physical Education Center Update:** The project is moving right along despite difficult weather. They are putting the sides on it now. Should start to look like something soon.
- D) Leaf pickup in the parks:** Some parks still need attention.

New Business:

- A) Winter Sports:** Basketball is running and adult fitness classes. Once the Middle School and the High School leagues are done, that will give us more space. Adult basketball program is starting in March.
- B) Open Comments:** A committee was started for Open Space for recreation. Scott is going to ask administration when the next meeting is.

Andy Bruscini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member Frank Kelly seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.