

Town of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Monthly Meeting

June 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andrew Bruscini, Frank Kelly, Frank Morin, Chris Cutler, William Goho.

Scott Winslow, Parks & Recreation Director, was also present.

A motion was made by Andrew Bruscini and seconded by member Frank Kelly, to accept the minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting.

Director's Report:

The month of May was very busy. The parade went very well. Staff was hired for the summer program, which runs from July 5th to the second week of August.

The parks are in very good shape. Litter is a big problem in the parks. It is not for lack of trash barrels. People are just not throwing the trash away properly.

There have been a lot of request for use of Albion Field.

Four concerts are scheduled and five Farmers Markets will take place all at Chase Farm.

Staff is ready to work the summer programs at the parks and also track & field and tennis programs.

Town of Lincoln staff have been working hard getting the fields ready for All Star competition.

Commissioner's Reports:

Fairlawn: Andrew Bruscini reports issues with kids going to the bathroom in the sinks.

Rims are missing on the pickle ball court. No padding on the basketball polls. Pavilion needs to be power washed. Baseball field is in good shape and the park looks good. Lincoln Little League should do a better job maintaining the field. There is a lip on the baseball field that needs to be fixed.

John brought up a question of if the irrigation system was on because the grass was burning.

Scott said the water was been turned off, because of the broken bubbler but is now back on. He also said the people who play pickle ball are keeping that area clean. The bubbler being fixed, and the padding being replaced is in the works.

Andy said the picnic tables keep getting moved to the playground area. It is most likely being moved parents wanting to watch their children on the playground. There is a lot of trash and littler. Barrels are available but just not being used.

Lonsdale: Sean Gaughan's report was read by John Sharkey.

Paul Welch has baseball field looking good. There is a cone on the roof of the pavilion. The dumpster is back. There is graffiti on the electrical box. The Sam Moore Concession building work by the town looks great. John mentioned that vandalism is on the rise and more cameras are needed. Scott did say some kids were caught and held accountable for the damage, that they caused. Sam Moore field renovation looks great.

* John reports his concern that five sprinkler heads had to be replaced on Hien Field.

Saylesville: Chris Cutler says the park is in good shape except for the graffiti in chalk on the concession building and under the pavilion. Trash is everywhere and not for lack of barrels. People are just constantly littering. Wood chips are needed at Arnold Park and Saylesville.

The gate near the batting cage continues to remain left open. The fencing is back up but needs to be replaced. The sign for the park is in tough shape.

Quinville: Bill Goho reports that the barrels are used and are being emptied often. The basketball courts are being used. The playground is also being used alot. Fence at the park is over run with vines. Another fence in the park that needs to be stained and is now broken. The park is being maintained.

Manville: Frank Morin reports that the litter is very bad and the trash barrels are not being used. Bathrooms are in good shape as well as the baseball field. The bleaches are in very bad shape as well as the dugout benches. The park is in good shape. The park sign is in very bad shape. A swing on the playground needs to be replaced. The fencing that surrounds the playground is overcome by weeds. The padding cover on the basketball hoop closest to the baseball field has a tear in it.

* Chris Cutler reported his concern of the sprinklers at Manville being off and then the field being very soft from over watering.

Lime Acres: Frank Kelly reports that the repaving has started. People are walking in to use the tennis courts. John makes a comment that it has impacted softball in a negative way. Scott said he has been in contact with Bruce Whitehead. The condition of the road was so bad it needed to be addressed immediately. Scott said the paving project should be complete by July. Frank reports that he saw new irrigation boxes as you are walking towards the rear field. Bathrooms were locked so he couldn't check them.

Albion: John Sharkey reports that the park looks great. The playground looks good but does need woodchips. The infield at the baseball field is sinking. John would like R.A.D. to come and take a look at the field.

Old Business:

a. Sam Moore Field Renovation by R.A.D. was great.

b. Middle School Renovation Resolution

c. Define use of PEC Building: All leagues should come up with expense reports on what it costs them to run programs as far as out of town rentals etc.

John was in on a tour and said it was very impressive. John wants to arrange a tour for the Parks & Recreation Commissioners.

d. Plan for light replacement at Sullivan Field: Scott says it on the list of things that need to be done. John questions who is going to replace the lights and when as it is going to turn into more and more lights being out and then not safe to turn them on.

e. Dogs on the fields: Is the ordinance now being implemented and are people being written up for having dogs on the field?

New Business:

- a. Parks & Recreation program starts July 5th until the second week of August. Ages of the kids are going into second grade and going into 8th grade. Scott said that the supervision for kids that are younger cannot be provided. In the past the parks programs were run by adults that were school teachers and that type of supervision was provided.
- b. Concerts in the park are scheduled for the summer
- c. Summer Baseball is provided in Sand Lot fashion for kids who are
not playing All Star baseball.

Open Comments: Chris Cutler said that the soccer field at Lonsdale is trashed and being ruined by the school recess program. He said there is no irrigation. It started off fine but now the field is ruined. John commented that there are two more zones and the water line does go across the road. Chris said there is going to be a soccer camp Monday thru Thursday 1/2 days in August.

Lincoln Woods baseball field is in very bad shape. John said it needs a machine in the infield to groom it and then the field can be maintained properly.

Chris Cutler spoke of wanting use of the top field for soccer in Lincoln Woods. That field would need leveling. No use of it currently.

Discussion by John to address the vandalism of the park bathrooms. Possibility of key pad locks.

Motion to take July off from Parks & Rec meeting made by Andrew Bruscini and seconded by Frank Morin. Roll call of votes was unanimous.

*Motion to Adjourn 5:53pm by John Sharkey and seconded by Andrew Bruscini

