

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING
May 10, 2023

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

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

Director's Report:

Most of the programs are starting to wind down. We are finishing programs and starting new ones. Tennis lessons and track are starting. Scott has been working with a lot of people and getting all of the fields in town ready. John stated that the town did an excellent job this year preparing the fields for play. Must by some sort of rotation for maintenance? For the next few weeks, we will be concentrating on that. Memorial Day weekend has the fireworks celebration, the parade, and the veteran's breakfast. There is also four summer concert dates planned on June 17th, July 22nd, August 19th, and in September on Labor Day weekend with foods trucks and live music. There is a donation bucket out if anyone is interested in donating. Also, the post parade at Chase Farm will have 7 or 8 food trucks and live music. The details of the parade will be going out soon through social media and The Valley Breeze. Next week the timeline will be released with the road shut down as well.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler- Saylesville and Arnold Park look good. Increased traffic with softball starting and the nice weather. The barrels need to be emptied more frequently. At Arnold Park, people are dumping regular trash. There was a vacuum there the other day. The chalk drawings are out of control with the entire building being covered. Need woodchips at both parks. A cross beam is broken on the split rail fence at Arnold Park. The gate at Saylesville is wide open. Basketball cracks are developing, and the court is getting a ton of use. The batting cage is still not up. A sign is needed. Scott stated that the batting cage should be up by tomorrow and our guys will get the net up.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan was not in attendance. John reported that there is graffiti on the electrical box still. The Sam Moore building is getting a face lift. Scott said they did fix the fencing in the outfield. The water problem at Sam Moore will be fixed by the Lincoln Little League for \$4500. Chris reported to keep an eye out at the little soccer field at Lonsdale. Someone has been deciding to spray lines themselves on the soccer field with their own paint! If the baseball people see it happening, can you please report it.

Albion- John Sharkey – The park looks beautiful. Baseball coaches have been complaining that the infield is sinking in the grass with big lips. John says that all of the grass would have to come out and be put back in which is a big project. The grass is so green and full that you don't even notice until the ball takes a bad hop on a slope.

Manville- Frank Morin – Very clean and very little litter. The bathrooms were locked. There is new graffiti on the building at the pavilion. The playground could use a fresh layer of woodchips and is missing one handicapped swing. The benches and seating needs a fresh coat of paint. The park sign at the pavilion is falling apart. The park has been very busy with soccer, Manville Farm League, and the Stone Crabs. Chris reported that the police presence has helped a lot at Manville with the uptick of people. Maybe they can visit all of the parks.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – Scott stated that if people see something, they should call the police right when they see it.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres is in good shape. The bench was installed and he chained one leg down. Just waiting on the plaque. The front field has leaves at the backstop. The gate needs to be fixed still on the back of the tennis courts. The park needs new playground equipment. A park sign is needed. The park is getting a lot of use with Middle School baseball and softball. The infield looks really good. No graffiti. Frank asked if coaches for the middle school teams have keys to the bathrooms? Scott responded that all bathrooms are locked due to vandalism in the past. The Middle School coaches should definitely have keys. Someone had asked Frank about it yesterday at the baseball game. Scott said that coaches have to remember to lock it at the end though.

Quinville- William Goho – Uptick in people at the park. There has been two or three mom's with their kids in the playground every day. Lots of kids playing basketball. The trash has been taken care of. One picnic table needs repair. One area of fencing needs repair. The park is in good condition and being maintained well.

- John stated that we would like to get to a point where we could leave all of the bathrooms unlocked again like they used to be. Just two years ago, we could. Frank Kelly asked if we could get a push-code lock to put on the bathrooms for like the pickleball people.

Old Business:

- A) **Identify available recreational space:** John asked if anyone has any ideas? It's crazy that The Pit is not being used by anybody because the school says it is unsafe.
- B) **Middle School Renovation Resolution:** The renovation resolution passed Monday May 8th at the Financial Town Meeting. Scott reported that he doesn't have any details of the plan. He would guess that the Middle School soccer season would probably finish, and then the work would start when season ends.
- C) **Define use of the PEC Building:** An on-going meeting in the other room was continued.

New Business:

- A) **Sam Moore field renovation:** Lincoln Little League will be doing the renovation within the next two weeks and will cost \$4500.
- B) **Plan for field light replacement (Sullivan):** John has been told that there is three lights out now at Sullivan. At what point do we do something? Does it make sense to replace them all, or to get a new type of light all together? And, who is responsible, the Town or the school?

C) Dogs on fields: John Sharkey reported that there has been two occasions this month where there have been dogs on the field at 7:30 at night after a baseball game at Albion. John did confront the man, and the guy stated that he picks up the dog poop. John asked what he does with the dog urine on the field? John asked him to get off the field, he waited around a little, and then he called the police. John stated that it almost feels ridiculous to call the police on a dog! The other instance was this morning, a woman had two different dogs on the field, but she left with no problem. John did inform them of the new ordinance. John asked if the police is writing anyone up for a violation of the ordinance? Chris stated that they people have been good with their dogs at Manville.

Frank Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member Chris Cutler seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.