

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at: 5:00PM

Motion by John Sharkey to accept the minutes. The motion was accepted by Andrew Bruscini & seconded by Frank Kelly

Director's Report:

Manville Park received a lot of use. Park has been winterized, fertilized, slice seeded, top seeded and over seeded.

Benches have been painted including the dugout benches. Basketball court will be redone in the spring. There's definitely less vandalism.

Albion Park: Playground received new wood chips. Eagle Scout project added 6 new benches. The batting cage net has been taken down. The basketball court will be redone in the spring.

Lonsdale Park: The infield at Hien field has been replaced by Lincoln Little League. Batting cage nets have been taken down. There is some vandalism of the electrical box and soccer fence.

New swings have been ordered at the request of the school.

Lime Acres Park: Lime Acres has received a lot of use. The tennis and pickle ball courts are always very busy. There's wear and tear on the fields from so much use.

Saylesville Park: Saylesville has been used a lot with fall sports. The batting cage nets have been taken down. No woodchips for this park

until they fix the drainage issue so the chips don't continue to get washed out when it rains. Picnic tables have been added. The basketball nets have been replaced. Some damage to one of the fences.

Fairlawn Park: A large pickleball group has been playing at Fairlawn. They take good care of the facility and have complimented on how nice of a facility it is. Scott believes because of their presence the vandalism has reduced significantly. Wood chips have been added to the playground. The leaves will be picked up in the next couple of weeks. The issue with the camera pole is in the hands of Mike Gagnon and the Department of Public Works.

Arnold Park: Chris Cutler informed Scott of the significant graffiti to the park. They will work to clean that up. Woodchips have been added.

Broken fence rails will be addressed at both Arnold Park & Gateway Park.

New Winter Programs: Registration happened for basketball grades 2-5 and filled up in two days. Self Defense classes and chess are also being offered. Adult Fitness classes are continuing.

As far as basketball signups for older kids and schedules they are waiting to hear about availability at the new Physical Education Center. Scott has been working with Greg O'Connor and the school to come up with scheduling days & times.

As far as new Park Signs, Cameras and Basketball pads they are more of a Capital Improvement project.

Commissioners Reports

Quinville: Bill Goho

The broken bench is gone. The basketball nets are in need of repair.

Leaves on basketball court have been cleaned up. No graffiti and barrels are empty. The fence in the back is still broken.

Manville: Frank Morin:

Manville Park is in great shape, no litter. One swing is still missing and need a new park sign. There are fewer picnic tables. (Scott said they have removed some and will bring them back in the Spring.) The park is getting a lot of use.

Chris Cutler talked about the lights on the portable light towers being turned on by other people. They have purchased locks so that this won't continue. Lights on the back building in Manville are not working.

Fairlawn: Andrew Bruscini

The poll for the cameras is still lying on the ground. The infield of the baseball field is in very bad shape and so is the outfield.

(John said that the outfield was ruined by grubs. Lincoln Little League had it treated.) The red door of the pavilion still has graffiti on it.

The lights at the park appear to be on 24/7. Wood chips were added to the playground and more No Dogs Allowed signs have been posted.

Lime Acres: Frank Kelly

The park looks great. The backfield was cleaned up from the leaves. The gate in back of the tennis courts is still lying on its side. Scott said the winter nets will be going up.

The playground equipment and the sign need to be replaced.

Lonsdale: Sean Gaughan

The park looks great. Baseball seems to have wrapped up. The batting cage nets have been taken down along with the flags. Leaves along the first base side fence. Sean noticed irrigation flags on the field and John said that was because the infield was replaced at Randy Hien Field at the price of \$12,500.00. Graffiti is still on the electrical box.

John said the lights on the concession and press box buildings don't work.

The soccer field has a water spot in the center that killed off the grass. It's not an overuse issue.

Saylesville: Chris Cutler

The park is in really good shape, considering the use it has had from football. The spots on the field have been fixed. No graffiti at Saylesville. Unfortunately, every piece of playground equipment at Arnold Park has been tagged with graffiti.

The drainage issue at Saylesville's playground has to be addressed.

The double gate at Saylesville needs to be addressed as that gives access to vehicles going right out onto the field.

The sign at Arnold Park needs to be replaced.

Albion Field: John Sharkey

The park looks fantastic. The barrels have been emptied. The siding on the building is cracked and hasn't been repaired. The batting cage net was taken down on Lincoln Little Leagues clean up day. The infield is in need of repair. John met Mike Gagnon at the field to take a look. The situation with the lips is very dangerous. The price to fix the infield is \$22,000.00.

John made mention of the batting cage at Lincoln High School needing to come down. Scott said it is the schools responsibility but he would give Tony a call and remind him. Currently it is weighted down by a bunch of leaves.

Old Business:

A) **Vandalism** at the parks has reduced but we can't take our eye off it. The lock of the press box and the electrical box at Lonsdale had wood forced into them and both locks had to be replaced by a locksmith.

B) **Winter Sports:** The main winter Sport is basketball for Parks & Rec. They do offer chess and self defense classes. The gym space is very limited and Scott is hoping to get some time at the new Physical Education Center.

The PEC Building is scheduled to open next week. John said they were waiting for the bleachers and player benches to arrive. Discussion of after school hours was brought up by John and he was told by a School Committee person that 4:30- 5:00 is considered after school hours.

C) Park Signs:

Scott said that the signs will fall under capital improvement in the budget.

D) Randy Hien Field: Randy Hien Field got a new Infield and John has asked Scott to tell the guys not to cut the grass again this season.

New Business:

A) Bond Referendum on 4 gyms: The bond passed. The commissioners would like to see the proposed drawing for the four gyms.

B) Leaf Pick Up at the Parks: Scott said they were waiting a couple more weeks until most of the leaves are down and then they will clean them up.

Public Comment: Sean brought up the lack of parking at the new Physical Education Center. John said they do have parking and that it was brought up at the meetings but didn't want to spend a ton of money on parking which would have taken away from the new building. Sean also mentioned the trees they planted at Lincoln High School are all dead and they look awful.

Motion to Adjourn by Andrew Bruscini

Seconded by Chris Cutler

Time: 5:45PM