

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

April 10, 2024

Commissioners in attendance: Frank Kelly, John Sharkey, William Goho,
Chris Cutler, Sean Gaughan

Commissioners absent: Andrew Bruscini, Frank Morin

The meeting was called to order at: 5:03PM

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

Director's Report: Scott Winslow

Commissioners Reports

Fairlawn: Read by John

**Andy's report said it is in good shape. Trash against the fence where
the basketball courts are.**

**The old skate park is loaded with trash & the entrance to that area is a
mess.**

Manville: Read by Chris

**Over the weekend significant damage was done by dirt bikes between
the baseball field & the concession stand. There is a broken window
on the pavilion on the soccer field side. Looks like animals can get in
under the doors of the pavilion.**

A post on the third base side was pushed over and one of the metal caps on a post in the same dugout has been pulled off. People have been very good about picking up after their pets.

There is a large dead tree hanging over the parking lot area.

Overall the park is clean and in good shape.

Lonsdale: Sean Gaughan

Baseball is in full swing. There is spray paint on the pavilion. Appears people are climbing on the roof of the pavilion. Hien & Sam Moore fields both look very good. On the soccer field there is a burn out spot. That field is being overused by the school. Sod is an option but not without irrigation. (John reminded them that the water for hook up is there.) The price to add irrigation would not be a lot. It would require about six sprinkler heads.

Lime Acres: Frank Kelly

Lincoln Middle School softball & baseball are playing at Lime Acres. The basketball courts & tennis courts are very busy.

Scott said a \$100,000.00 proposal was put in for playground equipment at Lime Acres and the design came in. He also said that padding for the basketball courts is on the way. All fields at Lime Acres are being worn down by overuse.

Quinville: Bill Goho

The maintenance of the park is good. There is a significant leaf build up.

There are a lot of families visiting the park. The playground equipment needs to be addressed. Bill said thank you for the basketball nets. There is still a large branch on the side of the basketball court. There are two slides one with a hood and one without. The one without the hood heats up from the sun. Chris suggested switching the two slides. The swings are rusted. Scott said new swings and chains have been ordered.

Chris also suggested prioritizing the swings and playground equipment that are not at schools.

Albion Park: John Sharkey

The park is in great shape. The baseball field is ready for play. Great job by the town getting it ready. The right field gate needs to be adjusted so it can close. The infield needs to be replaced.

John added that field cleanup happened at Lonsdale this past Saturday. He is skeptical as to whether or not a second leaf pick up happened at Lonsdale & Albion. A community service person spent two days cleaning up leaves at Lonsdale.

Saylesville & Arnold Parks: Chris Cutler

The basketball courts are very busy with players that appear to be in their 20's. The barrels are empty, yet the basketball players leave their trash all over the court. The chalk drawings are worse than ever. The drainage and woodchip issues need to continue to be addressed.

The high school installed a large banner and left the broken zip ties all over the ground that were used to secure the fence protectors. School maintenance is going to zip tie the protectors back on. The softball

field is in great shape. The field outside of the softball field is in terrible shape and suffers from tremendous overuse. Football needs a permanent home. Stephanie Santos got a quote of \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 to clean up the area by the basketball court. This is too much money, so Chris is working on getting volunteers to do the project.

Scott said the Arnold Park sign should be up before Memorial Day.

Old Business:

Vandalism in the parks is a concern. Cameras for the parks are in the new budget. The activity in the parks will increase with the nice weather and so will the vandalism.

There will be four concerts at Chase Farm.

There is a noticeable increase in activity at Fairlawn Park. Andy had to call the police on the people playing basketball because their language was so bad.

The condition of the playing fields in the parks is an issue because of overuse. Scott noted that there are other projects within town that need to be done.

New Business:

Spring sports are about to begin. Scott said that his department needs help from the local leagues to maintain the fields. John said that his coaches are trained on how to rake the fields after every game.

Chris Cutler asked for a list of things that soccer can do to help.

Public Comment:

Dave Hart spoke and suggested that the picnic tables be chained together so they can't be moved.

In reference to the infield needing to be replaced at Albion Park. Dave said this kind of damage didn't happen overnight and that the league & town should have a maintenance program.

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Cutler

Seconded by Frank Kelly

Time: 6:02PM