

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

December 11, 2024

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

A motion was made by Chris Cutler, and was seconded by member Frank Kelly to accept the minutes from the November 13th meeting.

Director's Report:

Scott reported that activity is going down at the parks. He is aware of the small fixes at all of the parks including the picnic table at Saylesville and hopes to have the crew fix them. The old trailer is back at Fairlawn and he contacted the police already.

As far as projects, Scott contacted the graphic designer at LHS today to get the park signs done. We are partnering with the school and having them graphic design the signs. We are encouraging students to their creativity and we are happy to collaborate with them. After all of the designs are submitted, we will choose which design works best. This will be cool for the design to be up at the park for students to see hopefully completed in the Spring. In December we will be starting with the park cameras in the north and working south. The pickleball courts are in the final design stages and Leslie is working this. We moved some of the fence guard at Sullivan Field to Albion Field and we will put on in the Spring.

Scott reported that the AED's have been removed for the winter per the Chief's instructions. They can't withstand the cold.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler- They have begun the construction of the new gym which has placed a fence around most of the park. The playground and field are still usable. The fence will remain until the project is completed. The leaves are all picked up, and the park looked really good. In the Spring, the playground will need new woodchips. Need to take off pole guards. There was vandalism to the Eagle Scout picnic table where it was completely ripped apart and now needs to be replaced. Chris talked to Scott about the wooded area in front of the basketball court.

Maybe we can clear it out and open up visibility to the court. Chris can get volunteers from the Saylesville area to help. The trash was good and we look good to go for the Spring.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan- not in attendance.

Albion- John Sharkey – There is new graffiti under the pavilion on the building. Nothing vulgar. Fencing issues on the field bottom rails. The path to the basketball court is washed out. Scott said that RAD put the leftover material on top, but that he will take a look. A sign is needed. More safety guard was added. The park looks clean and good to go for the Spring.

Manville- Frank Morin – The park is clean, and seemed a lot quieter. Less people are hanging around. The park is in good shape and ready for Spring.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – There is a broken bench under the pavilion, but might not even be town owned, more of a house bench. The leaves were picked up. Can't see the pole anymore.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres looks good. The leaves are picked up. Some lingering on the field, but tough with the weather.

Quinville- William Goho – The leaves are gathering around the fences pretty thick around the whole park. The weather has had a lot to do with it. The minor trash from last month was all picked up and barrels empty. A seesaw seat is needed by springtime as it has a rough metal cut. The park is in good shape.

Old Business:

- A) **Middle School Field Project:** Hopefully the timetable will be to start in the Spring. We are doing internal budget reviews. John asked if maybe we can get it out to bid before the FTM in May?
- B) **Elementary School Gyms:** This project is still on target for the summer. At Saylesville they placed the fence around the park and have started removing things.

New Business:

- A) **Parks & Rec Basketball:** John asked if kids can play LYBA and rec, and Scott replied that yes they sometimes play both. John asked if the program allows for practices during the week? Scott answered yes they have one practice and one game a week. Scott stated that it is hard to make sure everyone gets gym space because it's limited, but it working out good.
- B) **Park work during the winter:** John asked if anything gets done at the parks in the winter? Scott stated that it is much slower in the winter and the crew can focus on the tasks in the park that they can't get to in the spring and summer because of maintenance.

No public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.