

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

January 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Sean Gaughan, William Goho, and Chris Cutler. Scott Winslow, Parks and Recreation Director, was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Andy Bruscini and was seconded by member Chris Cutler to accept the minutes from the December 11th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

Scott reported that the parks have been quiet with the holidays and weather. No damage reported with the strong winds. He met with the camera guy at Manville to make sure the cameras will be set up right. They were going to start installing the cameras but the temperatures are too cold, so they are starting next Monday.

RAD looked at the low spots and filled them in and added more coyotes to help which seems to be working well. The parks are holding up well and we have been fixing minor repairs. Scott met with Leslie and she has submitted to DEM for the pickle ball courts. We are waiting for approval, and then next steps would be RFP and going out to bid. We are still working with the school for the park sign project, and then also would go out to bid. All summer concerts are planned, and the parade is planned with it's events.

The basketball program is going well. Fitness classes are starting. STEM with legos is starting in April. Programs are starting to pick up.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – The park is not really being used right now. Most of Saylesville is fenced off with the renovation project, and workers were there working but haven't begun digging yet. No graffiti. The basketball court has some cracks. Chris spoke with Mario about the wooded area near the basketball court. He asked what were the plans with Saylesville with the construction? He said we will know more in the January meeting. They might be adding more parking and moving the playground. More parking would take away even more of the park. Definitely hold off on fixing cracks at the basketball court until we know what further plans there are with the construction. Chris understands the need for parking, but it is also complete laziness with having ample parking up top. Mario is very open to conversations about the plans. John stated that if we keep taking playground space, we will need to replace it with other property. Let's wait and see what plans come out of the January meeting, and maybe it

warrants a conversation in February. The runoff and water going into the playground are a big problem. Andy asked how this will affect the park programs at Saylesville? Softball and football practice at Saylesville too. Field space would go away for the summer program as well.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – The gym project is slow moving. Not much action in the park. The leaves are picked up and look good.

Albion- John Sharkey – Not much going on at the park except all of the gates are open. Do we usually put a lock on the gates? Scott said he would go look at it tomorrow and lock it. There is evidence of dogs on the ballfield. We might want to think about locking those gates and the entrance to the park gate. The bottom rails need to be repaired on the field for the field. Need to fill the holes between the building and the outfield fence where a sink hole has happened. The park looks good overall. The basketball court is good. The swings are good. People were playing hockey on the pond. John asked who we would ask if the ice is safe on the pond? Scott said they can reach out to Albion Fire to check ice, but that we don't recommend going on the ice without checking. Sean suggested calling Chief Fisher.

Manville- Frank Morin – Frank was not able to attend the meeting but sent me a report. The Park has been very quiet over the last few weeks. Overall, very clean, and very little litter and the trash cans and the dumpster are getting emptied. There are 2-3 picnic tables in rough shape. Graffiti on the bleachers and the back side of the shed near the water. The main park sign is in very rough shape. The basketball court and soccer field look great! The pavilion is starting to look like it needs fixing up overall. He is assuming the painting and fixing the picnic tables will be addressed in the Spring.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – The park is in good shape. The bus and boat were removed. The padding is still up on the pole. Scott responded that there is still activity there with kids playing so we left the padding up. There are leaves all over the park. There are also tire marks on the grass near the pavilion.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Frank was not able to attend the meeting, but sent me a report. No graffiti. The park usage is lower as the cold months are here. Need a park sign.

Quinville- William Goho – The leaves look good, not sure if it's just the wind. Not much activity in the park, and the weather seems to keep the park quiet. Still a couple of kids playing basketball. The minor litter was picked up. The damaged seat on the seesaw needs to be fixed in the Spring. The park is being attended to well.

Old Business:

- A) **Elementary School Gyms**: Not a lot of progress with these new gyms. Scott hasn't had a lot of involvement with these projects. Scott did state that the new gyms will make it so much easier for program space and they do have certain deadlines.
Andy asked if we would consider moving the Saylesville summer camp if the project isn't complete by then?

B) **Middle School Field Project:**

C) **Parks and Rec Basketball:** The basketball program is going well.

New Business:

A) **Pickle Ball Courts:** The design was submitted to DEM by Leslie. Not sure how long that takes to get approval. Scott will find out more information from Leslie. Not thinking it will be done for June, but more like July or August. This is a very large project to complete. John stated it should be very nice when completed. A lot of older adults are anxious for it to be completed.

B) **Park work during the winter:** Not much work can be done for repairs in January and February with the weather. Scott stated that a lot need to be repaired but the weather is against us right now. It might not be as cold in the next coming weeks, and he can have the guys work on certain things that need repairs.

No public comment.

Andy Bruscini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and member Chris Cutler seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.