

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 pm. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Sean Gaughan, Frank Kelly, Frank Morin, William Goho, and Chris Cutler. Scott Winslow, Parks and Rec Director was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Andy Bruscini and was seconded by member Frank Kelly to accept the minutes from the March 12th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

We have been very busy, but the main focus has been preparing the fields for the Spring. The Lime Acres front and rear fields have been edged and new infield mix put down. All fields in town have been worked on. Scott has been working with Leslie, the school, and the construction company to get softball field access at Saylesville. The guys cleared out about 80 feet to make room for the batting cage. Ahlborg construction was generous and donated a shed to Lincoln softball. Also, 16 bulbs were replaced at Sullivan field. The Town has been working closely with Ahlborg, Brian Hurley to make sure we keep the girls playing. And, the new batting cage will be better than what was there previously. A little set back, but the shed, new lights, and the new batting cage is great.

The water was turned on, but the bathrooms were still closed until they are cleaned. Manville field looks good with RAD. Also, the cameras are up and running in Manville. There was a small setback at the other parks because they must run conduit through to get internet access. Albion and Lime Acres should be installed soon. We repaired the see saw at Quinville. Fixed the bottom rail on the fence at Arnold Park. We still have to get to all of the painting in the parks.

We are currently out to bid for the pickleball court and the bids are due next Tuesday.

Scott is currently working on a current maintenance schedule, and working on finding time to spend on other things as well. We are in full preparation for the Memorial Day Parade. We plan on replacing a bunch of picnic tables around multiple parks.

Programs are running strong. 83 adults signed up for pickleball. Men's basketball, woman's basketball, lacrosse and STEM are also running right now. Scott says they have a lot planned for June and the summer. The guys have really been working hard in the last month.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – For the things available at Saylesville, they are in good shape. A majority of the park is a construction zone. A lot has been done recently so thank you. One section of the fence at Arnold Park needs a middle rail, the rest were fixed. There is a swing missing near the ADA swing. People will definitely be using Arnold Park especially with Saylesville down. Andy asked about the summer program at Saylesville. Scott said the summer program will have to move to Fairlawn. It's not ideal, but makes the most sense.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – Low activity because of no basketball courts. Where are the basketball courts going to go at Lonsdale? Games are going on at Sam Moore field which looks good. Hien Field needs work and it has a lot of water. The barrels were empty. Flags are around the perimeter. Verizon to lay the conduit lines and they are waiting for dig safe.

Albion- John Sharkey – Not much activity in the park a week ago, but now busy with neighborhood kids. There is a hole where the stump was. Repairs are needed to the outside of the building. The double gate to the ballfield doesn't close. The park looks fine.

Manville- Frank Morin – Manville Park looks unbelievable. The baseball field looks brand new. No litter. We need to address the picnic tables and the graffiti in the Spring. The benches are rotting. AED was put back up. The black padding on the basketball pole is pulled off completely. The park is in great shape.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – The infield really needs work. Andy talked with some coaches and they say the pitchers mound looks off. John thought it looked ok. Big pieces of glass on the playground. The grass needs cutting. The outfield grass has grubs and needs a sprinkler system check. Trash behind the back fence. The padding on the basketball pole is ripping on the bottom. There was a dog on the field at the KFC Hall and Andy asked him to leave nicely. The man was mad and said he has been doing this for 5 years. Dogs are on the field at Little Fenway too.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – The Lime Acres infield looks great. The outfield needs the grass to grow back and fertilizer is needed. The Middle school girls and boys have been there. We need to put a trashcan back at the basketball courts. Some repairs are needed on the building. The park looked good.

Quinville- William Goho – The litter was taken care of and the barrels were empty. No graffiti. The crack at the basketball court looks like it was filled. The grassy area of the park is not responding to the temperature change and might need fertilization. Leaves are building up along the fence. Scott reported that the laborers couldn't find anything wrong with the seesaw, and it looked like the split was part of it because it's old equipment. William reported that the crack in the surface could cut a kids leg. The picnic table at the basketball court might need refurbishment. Scott said that will definitely happen this Spring. Overall the park is in good shape. Scott asked William to

take a photo of the specific area of the seesaw? Maybe he is missing it because he did go by.

Old Business:

- A) **Completion date for Elementary School Gyms:** Scott hasn't been involved in the school gyms and has no control over this project. He was told the start of the new school year is the goal. A lot of work will be done in the summer.
- B) **Completion date for Middle School Field Project:** Scott talked to Leslie and they hope the field will be completed by the Fall. It will be a turf field that we should be able to get on right away once completed. Lime Acres field needs a break.
- C) **Completion date for Pickel Ball Courts in Fairlawn:** We went out to bid and they are due April 15th. We will award the bid. We are thinking probably August for completion. DEM approved the plans. 83 adults are playing pickleball in the PEC building right now. Frank said since Grace sent an email to everyone, it has been much better.

New Business:

- A) **Park sign materials:** The signs are a 6 MM aluminum panel. The post is PVC and pressure treated wood. John is wondering about graffiti on the signs? Scott stated that he has wipes that work great and it will come right off. He is working on an RFP because of the price.
- B) **Preparation for Spring Sports:** So much work is being done at all of the parks right now and all of the fields.

Chris asked if any boosters will be going in at any of the parks mainly for the cameras? For example, Lime Acres has no cell phone service at all. The cameras might have a little lag. Scott has talked to Verizon about it so we shall see.

No public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.