

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING

June 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 pm. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Frank Kelly, Frank Morin, Chris Cutler, and William Goho. Scott Winslow, Parks and Recreation 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 May 14th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report: We are continuing regular maintenance and prepping for summer with repairs to the siding, pavilions and painting within all of the parks. We have also been prepping for a lot of baseball and softball fields. The Memorial Day weekend celebrations went great. We had the most veterans that had ever attended the breakfast this year. It's a lot of work, but so much positive feedback between P & R, DPW and Police. The Concept band will be this Saturday at Chase Farm, but we are watching the weather.

The Park signs are going to the Town Council meeting next month. An update on the cameras in the park, an electrician is cabling the cameras to be set up at Lonsdale. Hoping to begin the pickleball courts soon. The contract was awarded. We are still waiting on DEM approval for the Middle School Field.

We are ramping up programs. An adult tennis clinic is starting up and a new youth tennis program. Yoga classes outside for adults, 2-8th grade basketball, cross country, and our big summer program.

Scott is also ordering a bunch of picnic tables because ours took a beating this year.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – The park is the same with all of the construction. There is a litter issue on the basketball court and the barrels need to be emptied. A lot of adults are using the basketball court and not kids. One major issue at Saylesville is the hill on Woodland court that goes to the basketball court. It looks horrible with brush 3 to 4 feet high. Virtually no woodchips are left at the playground. Sullivan Field looks fine and the batting cage looks great. Arnold Park looks good and the fence was fixed. Someone moved in next door and really cleaned up the side area. An ADA swing is still missing, and the park is getting lots of use.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – Sean was not in attendance, but John stated that the stairs to the press box are being rebuilt. One of the fence posts in the outfield of Hien is in really bad shape. A big machine lifting people up to the new roof was up against it

and pushing it out. Scott will have them fix it when they are done. Parking is a big problem. Safety issue at the concession building.

Albion- John Sharkey – The park looks good, with nice green, full grass. Some grass is laying on top and we need to keep an eye on it. The building needs some pieces to be fixed. Need picnic tables. A guard is missing on a support post at the basketball court. Can't keep the double gate closed, it needs adjustment. John didn't notice any trash barrels especially near the batting cage. That area see's a lot of action, but there wasn't a lot of trash in the park. Someone must have run into one of the posts in the parking lot. The gate in the fenced in area between the two dugouts, someone must have took the lock off. He would like to see it locked. Overall, the park is in great shape.

Manville- Frank Morin – The park is very clean, the trash was emptied, and dog walkers appear to be cleaning up. There was a piece duct-taped at the basketball court. The playground is still missing one swing. The pavilion is not looking good and needs painting and power washing. The grass and trees look good.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – The cameras are up and ready to go. Nice job on the baseball field. They fixed the baseball rubber on the pitcher's mound. Still a parking problem during games. People in the neighborhood are asking for removable speed bumps. Need more police presence, especially with the summer program. There will be a lot of people at the park. A mattress and some junk was at the Cumberland Farms parking lot.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres is in great shape. At the batting cage, one pole is down and one is bent. There is a lot of cups in the fence that need to be pulled out.

Quinville- William Goho – No litter. Activity is picking up in the park. The grassy areas need fertilization because it's all weeds. The grass is getting cut, but it's all weeds. There is a leaf buildup around the edges. The grounds are in good shape and the basketball court is being kept up. Two picnic tables need to be addressed with the increase in activity. He wouldn't want to sit there at all.

Old Business:

- A) **Park sign update:** The park signs are going to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday for approval. Once approved, Scott will reach out to the vendor on Wednesday to get started.
- B) **Middle School Field Update:** We are still waiting on DEM approval. Chris stated that we will still be down a field and asked where football will go? Scott is not sure, but probably Lime Acres. He hopes it gets approved quickly. John asked once it is approved, how long will the project take? Scott said he would reach out to Leslie.

- C) **Completion date for Pickel Ball Courts in Fairlawn:** The goal for a completion date is August or September. We just have to wait for it to settle, so it could be earlier.

New Business:

- A) **No meeting in July:** A motion was made by Andy Bruscini to take the month of July off for the parks and recreation commission, and the motion was seconded by Chris Cutler.
- B) **Electric bikes in the parks:** Chris Cutler stated that motor bikes at the parks are beginning to be a problem just like last year. Last year, due to a motor bike and a large go-cart, there was damage on the back of the concession stand in Manville that needed to be fixed. A few weeks ago, Chris reported that two motor bikes went onto the walking track at Manville. There is an ordinance against motor bikes in the parks, but Chris is worried that a \$20 fine isn't enough of a fine to get people to stop. Maybe confiscate the bike for 30 days? They have no regard for other people in the park and someone is going to get hurt. John stated that his granddaughter and himself almost got hit the other night behind Lonsdale. Andy stated that there are only 3 or 4 guys on at night now, and most times they are too busy. Scott did say that the new cameras should be helpful, and he has sent video footage over to the police, and they have been very responsive. Chris asked if the officers could just patrol through? Chris stated that one instance was at 2 pm in broad daylight with about 100 people there from two different towns. They just do what they want. John asked if anything would be going on the signs about the electric bikes? Scott stated that it is a town ordinance that prohibits all motorized bikes within the park.

Public comment: No public comment, but John stated that the Town did a great job helping with the annual Randy Hien tournament in May. The tournament went Friday, Saturday and Sunday and we had great support from the town on the fields. Frank Kelly and Kevin Masse came back after being away for a few years and won the tournament.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.