

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING
August 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 of the June 11th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report: Scott reported that they have been prepping and maintaining the fields for the last 6 or 7 weeks, especially with All Stars. They love supporting the baseball and softball teams. The six week summer program was very successful at each of the five locations and ended last Friday. There were great numbers at Fairlawn with Saylesville being down. Now that the summer program is over, we can address maintenance issues at the parks. Scott purchased ten picnic tables and placed them in the parks. We also repaired some of the tables we had. Manville Park has a long list of things such as painting, tables/bleachers, and maintenance of the fields as well. There is a lot of grass on the infield at Manville, and Little League got a grant to replace it. The swings for Manville and Arnold Park have finally come in. Overall the parks are in good shape. A ton of people are using the parks day and night. Scott sent out a schedule of parks for this year to all organizations to ask what parks/fields people will be needing. The parks are getting a ton of usage. Lime Acres has heavy usage and eventually will need a rest.

We have had two concerts since the last meeting with great attendance. On Saturday, August 30th, Those Guys will be performing 4-7 which usually draws a big crowd. All of the cameras are up at all parks except Chase Farm. The company for the new park signs sent the proofs, and Scott approved the proofs, and we are waiting for them to be processed. We will hold onto Saylesville's until the construction is complete. Still on track for the pickleball court for the end of September, and the Middle School project has started and the hope is that it is completed in October. Grace is working on new programs for September and October.

John asked about the summer program at Fairlawn park? Are you planning on having it at Fairlawn again next year? Scott answered saying the numbers were low in past years at Fairlawn, and he thinks a majority of the kids that went to Fairlawn this year came from the Saylesville crowd. He is probably just going to keep it at Saylesville. We can look closer at it though when the projects are done. Chris just made a point that there won't be much grass at Saylesville. Andy also asked Scott if he heard if the gyms are running on schedule? Scott stated that he thought they were on schedule. Will they

be done for the start of school? John read that they were projecting completion in October or November.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – Park is under construction. Parks and Rec addressed all of the issues from the June meeting. The softball field is in great shape. The basketball court is getting a ton of use, but it is clean. ADA swing is ordered. The staff has been great at replacing parts of the fence at Arnold park as needed. Scott had told them if they see something on the fence, to just fix it. Arnold Park is getting a ton of use, and the dog traffic has picked up there, but no problems. Arnold park will get more use if Saylesville doesn't get green space back. Maybe additional equipment is needed there depending on what Saylesville looks like. No graffiti or trash. Chris asked Scott if there is a way to repurpose the playground equipment taken down? Scott did talk to Leslie about that, but they are mostly so specific to each park. Definitely something he looked into.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – Sean was not in attendance, but John asked if the cameras are up at Lonsdale? Scott said four out of five are up and running and one more needs to go up. We are just waiting on IT to run another cable.

Albion- John Sharkey – Good shape. The grass cutting looks way too short for the hot weather. Or is the irrigation system not working properly? A lot of bare spots. Scott stated that the irrigation is working. It goes on at 4 and hits each zone, but he thinks we need to change the timing. 4 pm isn't the right time to water and the morning would be more ideal. John stated that if the grass is too short, we will lose it. Do we have new guys cutting the grass? Scott says he will talk to them. They have started to fill in the siding.

Manville- Frank Morin – Park is very busy afternoon and night with families there until dark. Very clean with no trash. The grass is very short on the baseball field. Painting is needed. The playground has grass and weeds bad. The pavilion needs power washing bad. There are 10 picnic tables now, but if someone rents the park, there probably could be more. It would be nice with a few more new tables. Trees are right up to the fence and it's hard to get through. The top surface on the basketball net is coming off. The top coat is gone, and almost looks like someone burnt it.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – the park is in good shape. No trash. The infield is good. The camera is up. Kids at night are hanging around there. We need the police to go through at night. Good job with the concerts. Good job.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – Lime Acres is getting a lot of usage. A lot of football kids. But, surprisingly no trash on the ground at all. The park is in great shape. The cups are still in the fence in the outfield. The front field dugout third base side is missing boards on the wall. One bench and no barrel at the basketball court. Signage. Looks really good for the amount of people there.

Quinville- William Goho – Reduced amounts of traffic maybe because of the extreme heat. No litter or trash. They are cutting the grass extremely short. We need to chop the weeds down and use a weed killer. The picnic tables were moved to the center of the basketball court. Park is in good shape.

John asked if we plan on reseeding the field at Lime Acres after football is done with it? That is a lot of use on the grass over there. Scott stated that with the Middle School soccer, football, and any other sports, the field is taking a beating. No sense to do it now, but when the Middle School field opens up, LA can take a rest and we can reseed it then.

Old Business:

- A) **Park sign update:** The signs are being made as we speak. Every park besides Lonsdale because that sign was already new. Saylesville we will hold because of construction.
- B) **Middle School Field Project Update:** The expected date of completion is October before the winter. Looks like they were putting down pipes for drainage underneath.
- C) **Completion date for Pickel Ball Courts:** Looking like a September completion. Chris stated that it might be a good idea to place cameras over there as well with the amount of money spent on this project. Scott said hopefully we can expand them to there as well.
- D) **Cameras in the Park Update:** Cameras are up at all parks except for Chase Farm and one more to go up at Lonsdale.

New Business:

- A) **Remaining Concerts at Chase Farm:** August 30th will be a concert with Those Guys are Chase Farm with the food trucks from 4-7:30 pm.
- B) **Comprehensive Plan:** John believes we do a new plan every ten years. He is really wondering what is on the plan for recreation. Can we get someone at the next meeting? We are loosing a lot of park space, especially at Saylesville and Lonsdale. Scott stated that in the past we have discussed the lack of gym space, so there definitely has to be a happy balance. We can provide more programs now with more gym space. John asked if we can do anything at Chase Farm for sports such as cheer? Scott said he will look into it. The Middle School field is also going to be a great opportunity for more space. John stated that we never seem to have enough people for maintenance. Turf would solve that problem.

Public comment: No public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.