

TOWN OF LINCOLN
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY MEETING
December 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 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 Chris Cutler to accept the minutes of the November 12th meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report: There is decreased activity in the parks. The sprinklers at Lime Acres and Manville are complete. RAD still needs to take a look at the dumpster at Manville Park. All parks have been winterized with staff working really hard. We are continuing to collect leaves and will do one more cleanup. The holes at Albion have been filled. We are applying for a new grant to put a splashpad and for LED lights for the soccer field at Manville Park. The Town Council approved the resolution to apply for the grant, but the grant still has to get approved and accepted. We are hopeful and excited because these would be great additions to Manville Park.

The first basketball practice was held at the new Central gym. Saylesville and Lonsdale are not open yet. The gym looks great. We have set up a lot of rules to keep the gyms looking as new as possible. Some programs we are currently running are adult pickleball at the PEC, pound fitness, youth basketball, chess, a youth lacrosse clinic, and we will add middle school and adult basketball in the new year. The new middle school field is another project complete. Who is on it? Right now the school and football are on the new field. Goal posts, soccer nets, and field hockey nets are all on it. Chris stated that the boys and girls middle school soccer teams used it for the end of their practices as well.

The pickleball courts are complete and we need to add temporary fencing as a potential option. John asked where the temporary fence will go? Scott stated that we need something to stop the balls from going into the other courts. Something low to separate the top four courts from the bottom five courts. What about individual court nets? If you want to play there, you have to bring your own nets. Scott said a lot of people have their own nets, or they can reach out to Scott to get them in contact with someone who has one. This will be great as pickleball is huge right now. They came out great. The Public Works Director and Scott are reviewing appropriate hours with the apartment building right there. John asked what are the rules with rollerblading on the new courts? Scott stated that rollerblading wouldn't hurt the court, but a motorbike would not be allowed.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Chris Cutler – There has been a ton of progress. The temporary fence is coming down and then we can get a better look at what we have for space. The outside is complete and looks really good. Good job to Scott and his team. The red protective covering and the batting cage net is all picked up. The only thing left was all of the plastic ties that were clipped and are all around the outfield fence. They put in a drainage/retention pond to hopefully help with the problems. Maybe we can put a picnic area in around the basketball court. The trash cans are pretty full and still being used. The flag in the outfield is still up and not lit at night, so we either need to take it down or have it lit up at night. Arnold Park looked really good. John asked if an AED would be put in at Saylesville, and Scott said he would check.

Lonsdale- Sean Gaughan – Sean was not able to attend, but John reported that it looks like someone drove on the infield when picking up the leaves at Sam Moore Field.

Albion- John Sharkey – The park is in great shape, and the holes were filled in and look great. He is impressed with the leaf pickup. It was a great idea to get the bulk of the leaves out and then go back around once.

Manville- Frank Morin – The park is very quiet, but still a lot of dog walking. It is very neat and clean with no leaves. The AED is still out. Scott will talk with Chief Thompson to see about the AEDs.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – The park is in great shape, but still some leaves around the fence. Someone hit the new park sign with a soccer ball and messed it up. Some dog mess around the park. The pickleball court looks nice as well as the infield and the outfield of the baseball field.

Limerock- Frank Kelly – At Lime Acres there are some leaves around the fence when you pull in the park. The park looks good, except for the grassy outfield area which looks really bad. Scott stated that with the new sprinklers, it should hopefully be better. Frank asked Scott if he had heard anything about the Lime Acres field?

Quinville- William Goho – No litter. The park has been well maintained and attendance is down. The barrels are empty, but people seem to still be attending the park at lunchtime. We do have some older benches where the screw is not holding the back rail up. The benches will need to be replaced or refinished. Nothing in the park needs immediate attention and looks good.

Old Business:

- A) **LHS Field Plan**: Scott said it's the same as the prior meeting. The athletic director is back from his leave but is incredibly busy catching up.
- B) **Parks clean up**: The park cleanup is complete.
- C) **Update on pickle ball courts**: The pickleball court is complete, and Scott and Leslie just need to come up with a set of rules to put in place.

- D) Wrap up of new gyms at Saylesville and Lonsdale Park:** Saylesville and Lonsdale gyms are a little bigger but not fully complete. Scott went into the new gym at Central and it is very similar to the PEC building but smaller. The gyms came out really nice.

New Business:

- A) **Use of Middle School Field:** Boys and girls middle school soccer used the new field for the end of their season for practice. Football is using this field as well as the school for right now.
- B) **Space for sledding and ice skating:** Parks and Recreation doesn't get into this. John stated that we used to put bails of hay at the pit. Scott stated that we are not putting hay at the pit as that is a huge liability. The fire department can help with any ice safety questions.

John stated that he likes the new painting in the chambers and all of the decorated Christmas trees around Town Hall.

No public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.