

To: All members, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Commission. From: Paul Hetu

Re: Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, August 11,2004.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were Chris Tardie, Gerard Dumas, Paul Hetu, Kevin Bryson, Gary Stott, and Roy Coulombe.

Invited guests were Mr. John MacQueen, Public Works Director; Mr. Paul Prachniak, Recreation Director.

Discussion with Mr. MacQueen and Mr. Prachniak.

Mr. MacQueen indicated that Manville Park and Lonsdale Park are in the process of being surveyed and evaluated. Designs by an architect for both parks will be completed hopefully sometime in the month of October. Even though a survey and design will be developed for the entire park, a soccer field is the main area of concern for Manville Park.

The first priority for Lonsdale is to update the Little League facility. Along these lines, the Commission was informed that the Lincoln Little League is planning a major fundraiser to improve the lighting at the field. The second phase of any potential Lonsdale Park project is to update and improve the remaining facilities at the park. Improving

the parking is also a priority in this project.

A question about what to do with the concession stand was brought up. The problem of who is responsible for the building and the maintenance of the stand was the main concern. Mr. CoUlombe suggested that the Town could provide an outline of a plan that the Little League could use in the construction of a stand that would meet all of the Town building codes and regulations.

Mr. MacQueen informed the Commission that a similar evaluation procedure is being followed at Saylesville Field. Improving lighting for the entire park, including the basketball court, is the main concern. Mr. Bryson let the Commission know that this is something that the Town Administrator also wants. Mr. Prachniak also reinforced the importance of this project. In response to Mr. Coulombe's question about parking at Saylesville, Mr. MacQueen responded that there is a drainage problem at the park that still has to be resolved.

Questions on various problems at selected playgrounds.

Mr. Stott was concerned about what specific age group Arnold Park was designed to serve. Mr. Prachniak indicated that this park was designed for the toddler thru Grade 3 age

group. Mr. Stott requested that Mr. Prachniak describe the piece of playground used at Arnold Park. Mr. Prachniak provided all the

important information.

Mr. Coulombe asked that Mr. MacQueen and Mr. Prachniak consider the development and subsequent construction of a baseball diamond with major league dimensions in any future planning discussions. Consideration should also be given to alleviating the water problem at Nichols Field and looking into the possibility of relocating the backstop at this field. Mr. MacQueen explained the steps that have been taken so far to resolve these problems.

Mr. Bryson requested that the Recreation Director provide a detailed monthly report of all projects being worked on by Recreation Department. This report is to be made available at each of the Commission's monthly meetings. He also asked about the status of the \$5,000,000 bond on this year's November ballot. Mr. MacQueen indicated that he had no

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Mr. Prachniak spoke about the planning that is underway to prepare Sam Moore Field to host the Little League State Tournament when it is District IV's turn. The Commission was informed that Ferguson Field will be back online this Fall. L YSA has been using a field in Smithfield. Finally a press release will be sent to all local papers

announcing a Fan Bus to the regional championship game should the Lincoln Little League reach the finals.