

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Steve Reynolds, Lee Ann Lamothe, and Gary Stott.

Commissioner's Reports:

Saylesville- Gary Stott – Barney's Pond is not being maintained. Great summer program! He commends the staff they hired for the summer program. Arnold park open space is busy with families playing Frisbee and kites. Great space!

Lonsdale- Roy Coulombe- no report. According to John Sharkey, Sam Moore field needs better maintenance. There are weeds a foot high around the batting cages and there is a need for new signs. Lonsdale school sign and the sign for the trail leading up to Chase Farm need to be replaced. Also, a changing table in the lady's room at Lonsdale is needed.

Albion- John Sharkey- Downgrade in the maintenance of the parks. The swing set is missing two or three swings. Need a new coating on the top of the fence. Need a dog poop facility at all parks.

Manville- Lee Ann Lamothe- Picnic tables are in rough shape.

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini- In need of toddler swings. The summer programs were great!

Limerock- Steve Reynolds- Great job with the summer programs at Lime Acres. Lime Acres is shining and looking good. Busy with

tennis, soccer, and the basketball courts. The turn-around is really good. Any plans to continue the fence at Lime Acres?

Quinville- Joseph Goho- no report.

Director's Report: Paul Prachniak informed us that the bid was awarded at Albion Park. The building was demolished, the foundation was formed and National Grid is bringing the utilities in. There will be a picnic shelter with spacious restrooms and summer program space. The Chase Farm Restroom bid was awarded and the units are being constructed. It was a 90/10 match up to \$100,000. They will be solar powered with approximately 8 weeks left of construction. Final project has to be completed by April. The cost is just under \$120,000. They are working to get things off the ground at all the parks. There is the placement of safety surfacing, such as sand and wood chips, under the playground equipment. At Quinville Park, they will be installing benches and increasing the height and extending the fence at the basketball court. The engineer needs to shift the fence to the right. At Manville park there will be repairs to the cabinets and a new box. They are also securing the sewer pump system. At Lonsdale Park, they drew up plans to skin the infield of Sam Moore field. They may need to put a transit in to help with the flooding. At Fairlawn, repairs to benches will be made as well as designated parking lanes. The trails need to be trimmed. At Lime Acres they will be painting the interior dugouts. They will mark no parking zones and grass seed. At Saylesville, they will be trimming the bush in front of the basketball courts and finding more options for shade.

Paul also discussed the new TULIP policy (Tenant User Liability Protection). It is mandated that everyone reserving any of the parks now have to provide a certificate of insurance. He said they range in cost from \$72-\$203.

Assistant Director's Report: Andy Wade discussed how successful his summer programs were. The summer programs enable kids to have free play with supervision by the staff hired. This program costs approximately \$80,000 and he hopes to keep the program going. No other towns have what we offer to the kids at no cost. Andy took the kids on many field trips, had big tournaments, and the Olympics at Lime Acres. Andy is a member of the Appalachian Mountain program and was able to take the kids hiking, camping and canoeing which was completely funded through the program.

Old Business:

Review individual trail assignments at various parks- Lonsdale park needs a new sign for the trail leading up to Chase farm.

Graffiti at Fairlawn- There will be repairs to the park benches.

Cameras at each park- Discussion was made that cameras should be incorporated when each park is being remodeled.

New Business:

Albion Park bid was awarded. The building was demolished, foundation formed and the utility work will be under way.

Chase Farm restroom bid was awarded. Cost is just under \$120,000 and has to be completed by April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Reynolds, and the motion

was seconded by member Gary Stott.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.