

## **TOWN OF LINCOLN**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

**November 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Steve Reynolds, Lee Ann Lamothe, Joe Goho, and Gary Stott.

#### **Commissioner's Reports:**

**Saylesville- Gary Stott- Arnold Park looks good and there is always someone there. The park is getting a lot of good use. At Barney's Pond, the fishing is good.**

**Lonsdale- Roy Coulombe- no report. According to John Sharkey, the circular-seat swing in the back playground has a large crack. There was caution tape a few months ago, but now the tape is removed and it isn't fixed. The dug outs and press box were painted.**

**Albion- John Sharkey- Albion Park is shaping up and looking nice. The overhead and the cement are a good size. The outer part of the building is complete and they are now working inside.**

**Manville-Lee Ann Lamothe- The Park is looking good with a lot of kids still playing. It is clean and well picked up. The wooden bench looks like it is going to rot and it isn't very old. The wood is very rough and could hurt someone. Maybe some composite material would be better.**

**Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini- The Park is getting a lot of use, but there is still a problem with the dogs. The baseball field is fine, but the basketball court has graffiti. He is going to report the graffiti to Captain Phil Gould.**

**Limerock- Steve Reynolds- Lime Acres looks good. The tennis nets are up and people are playing. The playground area is old and doesn't fit in with the rest of the park. Well kept facilities and programs in Lincoln.**

**Quinville- Joe Goho- The Park looks good with no graffiti. The basketball nets are up. The fencing is done. The park is loaded with leaves and the sandbox is unusable. The leaves on the steps of the slide are very slippery. The new benches and picnic tables are worn and it is very easy to get a splinter. Maybe we should use composite materials instead of wood.**

**Director's Report: He was not present but I handed out two sheets from him. On the handout, Paul Prachniak reported that at Albion Park, the framing is complete, and the sub roof is in place over the park house and pavilion. Side panels are to follow. At Chase Farm, both of the eco-friendly, odorless, self-composting, solar-powered units are in place and functioning. At Quinville Park, the fencing was added at the basketball courts to keep errant balls out of the canal. The winter basketball league registration is set to begin.**

**He attended the town administrator's department head meetings. He initiated tree branch trimming for Albion Park. He assisted with the special needs Halloween party. He cited seasonal need for increased police patrols of the parks. Also, he entertained project proposals from the boy scouts. He helped with the coordination of the soccer event, and lent support to the Lincoln Youth soccer playoffs. He also researched different types of sand for playground use. The flag football tournament is ready to go. He conducted a post Halloween**

tour of the park areas compiling a list of needs, projects and maintenance tasks. Also, he looked into trail grant possibilities.

He also provided a memo from the Parks and Recreation Division to Joe Almond regarding parks and recreation maintenance. It mentioned the Youth Center Program Run, shed inventory, the flag football program, the Lonsdale sprinkler project, and the Quinville fence project. Also, the soccer field painting at Manville and Lime Acres. There was field cutting at Manville, Albion, Saylesville, Fairlawn, Lonsdale, Lime Acres, Gateway, and Butterfly. The restrooms are cleaned and stocked at all of the locations. The memo also mentions the pit bleacher and bench project, as well as the Fairlawn bench and swing project. It also mentions preventive maintenance with some equipment and vehicles. The memo also mentions graffiti control and the youth center electrical project.

#### **Old Business:**

A) The Albion Park Project - The framing is complete and there is a nice overhead in place. The outer part of the building is complete and they are just working on the inside.

B) The Chase Farm Project

C) Letter recommending additional benefits to the parks- I passed a letter around for all the commission members to sign in regards to the baby changing tables and the pet waste stations with pictures and prices. One letter was given to Joe Almond and another letter was given to Michael Gagnon. I also made a copy of the letter and gave it to Paul Prachniak.

#### **New Business:**

**A) Preparation for winter sports- Keep an eye on the ponds**

**B) Status of the new football field- hasn't started yet.**

**C) Punch List for all of the parks:**

- **Quinville- Replace the wood on the picnic tables and benches**
- **Fairlawn- Resurface the basketball court-the far corner is really dipped and it floods with water.**
- **Put dug out roofs at Saylesville, Fairlawn and Lime Acres**
- **Lime Acres- Needs dugouts and coverings. Finish the baseball field fencing. The playground park equipment needs fixing and replacing. And the infield needs better drainage.**
- **Saylesville- Arnold Park- Maybe put up a gazebo out of the sun.**
- **Lonsdale- Put up a backstop at Sam Moore field.**
- **Manville- Replace the wood benches with composite materials.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Lee Ann Lamothe, and the motion was seconded by member Gary Stott.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.**