

## **TOWN OF LINCOLN**

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

**October 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, Steve Reynolds, Lee Ann Lamothe, and new member Christopher Behlke.

A motion was made by Steve Reynolds and was seconded by Andy Bruscini to accept the minutes from the September 13th meeting.

The minutes were accepted.

#### **Director's Report:**

Alan was away at a conference.

#### **Commissioner's Report:**

**Saylesville- Christopher Behlke – Saylesville Park looks clean. There is minor graffiti on the no dogs sign, and there is dog poop on the softball field. The school or someone took a machine onto the ballfield and damaged the outfield. There is safety net damage that needs zip ties. There is a snow fence all over the ground in between the basketball courts and the playground that the principal put up to keep kids contained at recess. There needs to be some sort of a gate and to get that temporary mess cleaned up. At Arnold Park, there is a rail on the fence that is rotted and needs to be replaced.**

**Lonsdale- John reported what Sean sent. Looks good at Lonsdale. He commended the new field they put in. There is dirt on the basketball court that could be fixed very easily. The Sam Moore outfield needs seeding or sod in some areas.**

**Albion- John Sharkey – Albion Park is in good shape except for the**

siding and the backstop which has a big curve from a tree a couple of years ago. The grass is very good compared to last year. The Little League is having the field irrigated at Albion and Hein Field. The batting cage will be good for next year.

Manville- Lee Ann Lamothe – Park looked good with a lot of people there. The playground equipment looked good. The basketball court is the same as last month. There is an entryway of grown-over bushes blocking the concession stand that needs to come down a couple of feet. Kids smoke behind these bushes. A picnic table has a crack in it that is dangerous. Why doesn't someone fix the horrible spot in the wood on the pavilion? See pictures passed along from Lee. The grass was very green. Chris reported that Manville soccer field is not approved for them to play soccer on. The league has to go to the Middle school field and Lime Acres. How has the Manville soccer field deteriorated so bad that Chris's players can't play on it? The Super leaguers said no!

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – Andy sent pictures as well. The infield is the worst he has ever seen it! The picnic tables are peeling badly. Andy kicked three kids off of the roof the other day. There is a big dip in the basketball court. The Park needs some TLC. There is a lot of dog poop all over the place. The fence on the third base side is bad, and someone is going to get hurt. The bench on the third base side is all warped. Home plate has a big hole in it which is not usable for next year.

Limerock- Steve Reynolds – status quo from last month. As far as cutting out the infields and the base paths, is that the responsibility

**of the school or the Town? We should be taking care of this now, and not in the spring. Alan is looking into the possibility of the parking expansion. Steve is still advocating for the cameras in all of the parks. He really strongly believes that all parks should have cameras for safety and for vandalism issues. It's a small price to pay to possibly prevent problems.**

#### **Old Business:**

**A) Update on the conditions of all fields: Commission members would like to know why the Manville soccer field is not suitable for the league to play on. Sam Moore field came out great.**

**B) Update on Chase Farm: John reported that the building at Chase Farm is coming along nicely. The inside isn't done. It is going to be a pavilion with bathrooms and a concession stand. It is good to have the bathrooms in the front at the entrance and get rid of the portable toilets. What are the plans for keeping the bathroom open for use? How will this work?**

**C) Review completion of the Sam Moore infield: Field looks great.**

#### **New Business:**

**A) Discuss repair of Chet Nichols lights: There was a game scheduled their on the night of the meeting. Were the lights turned on and working? The netting is still an issue with foul balls going into the road all of the time. Steve suggested that Alan could invite the new athletic director to one of the meetings. Maybe that would help answer some of the questions with the fields that are associated with the schools. The new athletic director of the schools has a lot of**

**experience and is a great addition to the Town.**

**B) Discuss any plans for further upgrad of fields in 2018: The plan by the town was to do one field a year.**

**C) Discuss condition of soccer fields: The commission members would like to know why the condition of the soccer field in Manville is not suitable to be used by the organization? Chris reported that they use the Middle school field for soccer, but there is a drainage issue and there is an access right in the field of play. When they are practicing, they stay off the actual field and practice all around it. Chris said he would take a look at the soccer fields with some of the other guys and report about it at the next meeting.**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by commission member Andy Bruscini, and the motion was seconded by commission member Steve Reynolds.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**