

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2017 (Final Draft – subject to correction)

Park Commission Chairman Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Parks Commission members Cathi Goebel, Doug Jones, Jeff Cosulich, Maggie Andros, Bob Ehlers and Georgiana Pulver (alternate).

Minutes of July 10, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Doug proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.** (Georgiana arrived after the vote)

Old Business

1) Pinkham Park: Cathi reported that the selectmen have requested a proposed budget for development and maintenance of the future Pinkham Park. The selectmen want the budget for this week's selectmen's meeting. The commission discussed potential costs and developed the following budget:

Development:

- 1) Survey and title costs: \$2,000 (estimate from Larry Libby)
- 2) Parking lot and walkways: \$6,000 (estimated from the cost of developing the Simmons Trailhead parking lot)
- 3) Picnic tables: \$600 (4 tables at \$150 each)
- 4) Steel drum garbage cans: \$100 (2 at \$50 each)
- 5) Dog station: \$150 (1 at \$150 each)
- 6) Signage: unknown – Cathi will discuss pricing with Stu Marckoon (includes 2 approach signs, 1 entrance sign and 1 rules and regulations sign)

Maintenance:

- 1) Annual maintenance: \$3,000 (based upon the annual cost of maintaining Lamoine Beach Park, including mowing, trash pickup and general maintenance)

Budget:

- Development: \$8,850 plus signage costs
- Maintenance: \$3,000
- Total budget (first year only): \$11,850 plus signage costs

Cathi will give the proposed budget to Stu for submission to the selectmen.

The commission discussed the need to accommodate handicap accessibility at the park. Cathi will ask Stu about the legal requirements for this and what, if any accommodations need to be made for this. The commission also discussed the need for a restroom facility at the park. It was

noted that the facility would be the only structure at the site and would stand out since it could not be hidden in the tree line. The perceived need for a restroom was also discussed and it was decided that this decision could be made at a later date, after the park has been developed and the commission has gained some experience with use at the park.

2) Bloomfield Park Trail Camera: Cathi and Public Works Director Rick Gallegos installed the new trail camera at the park in late August. Cathi and Maggie's husband, Rick Andros, swapped out the camera's memory card this past weekend. The camera was set to take a still photo every 5 minutes from 5 am to 8 pm and still photos when motion is detected during the night hours. Cathi has reviewed some of the card and noted that she observed low daytime activity, probably due to the time of year, and some nighttime activity, including overnight camping over Labor Day weekend. Jeff volunteered to take the card, review the activity captured in it and report back to the commission. Doug recommended that a spreadsheet of the observations be created to document the type of activity and time and date that the activity is occurring. This would allow the commission to develop a better understanding of what is actually occurring at the park over time.

Cathi reported that at a previous selectmen's meeting, Town residents Stacy Curtis and Carol Korty talked to the selectmen about their concerns regarding illegal use at the park and over use of the park. It was noted that the trail camera was acquired in part to address these issues. Cathi also noted that Stacey and Carol have proposed that a survey be taken of town residents as to whether or not restrict access to the park to town residents only. The selectmen took no action on this request at their meeting. The issue of water quality and water testing was also brought up at this meeting. Stu noted that this was outside the responsibilities of the commission and that their jurisdiction does not extend beyond the shoreline.

3) Marlboro Beach Park: Jeff reported that approximately \$30,000 of the \$40,000 asking price for the land at Marlboro Beach have been raised to date. This amount includes the town's \$10,000 contribution.

New Business

There was no new business

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on a Monday in January, 2018. Cathi will check with Stu for a date that does not conflict with the planning board meeting.

There being no further business, Doug proposed and Maggie seconded a motion to adjourn.
Vote in favor was 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission