

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2018 (Final Draft – subject to correction)

Park Commission Chairman Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

Present: Parks Commission members Cathi Goebel, Doug Jones, Jeff Cosulich, Bob Ehlers and Georgianna Pulver

Minutes of the July 16, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the July 16, 2018 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.**

Business

1) Lamoine 150th Anniversary Committee Request: Cynthia Donaldson and Amy Duym presented a request for event sponsorship from the town's anniversary committee. The committee is asking the park commission to sponsor one event as part of the town's anniversary celebration, which will run from September, 2019 through August, 2020. A general discussion of possible events followed, including the idea of a progressive park event, where an activity at one park would be followed by an activity at a second park and then at a third park. It was noted that a park related event should occur during the summer months, when the weather will be more favorable to outside activities. Cynthia stated that the anniversary committee has funds available to help support a park commission sponsored event. The commission members agreed to continue discussion of this topic at their next meeting.

2) Lamoine Beach Park Playground Proposal: Cynthia Donaldson and Amy Duym also represented the Lamoine Little Children group in their proposal to install playground equipment at the park. Cynthia stated that Stu Marckoon suggested that the park commission include the estimated \$10,000 cost of the equipment and its installation as a line item in its upcoming budget request for FY2019/2020. Cynthia explained that the group has already raised \$1,000 towards the project and would continue to solicit donations, with the objective of raising the entire amount. According to Cynthia, including the cost in the park's budget would insure that the equipment would be installed in time for the town's 150th anniversary celebrations. Cathi proposed and Doug seconded a motion to include a \$10,000 line item request for playground equipment at Lamoine Beach Park in the commission's upcoming budget request, with the understanding that the Lamoine Little Children group will reimburse the town through fundraising. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.**

3) Lamoine Beach Signage Request: Cathi presented a letter to the town selectmen from a nearby landowner to Lamoine Beach Park concerning trespassers on their property. The letter states that people coming from the park trespass onto their property, allow dogs to run free on it, destroy no trespassing signs and verbally abuse the landowners. The landowners have requested

that the town post signage near the boat launch indicating where public property ends and private property begins, change the park's closing time from 10 pm to sunset and install a security camera near the boat launch.

A general discussion of the issues and landowner's proposed solutions followed. It was noted that in Maine most shorefront property ownership extends to the mean low tide line and that it appears from the letter that the landowners want to block traditional tidal zone access to the public. It was also noted that the landowners in question are not abutters to the park, but are one private lot removed from the park and that the park property ends at the Lamoine Beach Road edge. Bob observed that the park kiosk already notes the location of park property and private property and asks park users to respect the adjacent private property. The commission felt that unfortunate as the issue is for the private landowners, since they are not an abutting landowner to the park, the commission has no responsibility to act in this matter. It was noted that any requested signage would be located on or adjacent to another landowner's property, not the complainants. It was also noted that the landowners in question are free to install a security camera on their property and provide any footage of trespass activity to the sheriff's department. Cathi will forward the commission's response to Stu.

4) Mobile Vending in the Parks: The sample Mount Desert Township Mobile Vending ordinance, provided by Stu, was discussed. Doug noted that the sample ordinance dealt only with food and beverage vendors and not other types of commercial sales. The commissioners felt that any ordinance would be difficult to enforce since the town has no law enforcement capabilities and enforcement would probably fall upon the code enforcement officer. The actual need for such an ordinance was questioned, since only one request for permission to sell has ever been received by the commission and that request was for a one day event only. The commissioners agreed that this is not currently an issue and that no further action needs to be taken at this time.

5) Bloomfield Park Trail Camera Update: Jeff updated the commissioners on the status of the trail camera at the park. He noted that there has been no unusual activity recorded on the camera. Jeff recommended that the camera be set to record video only and only during the afterhours period when the park is closed to the public. This would reduce the number of photos taken and allow the camera to concentrate on security of the park and not park use.

6) Budget- FY2019/2020: Cathi presented the proposed budget for next year. The commissioners agreed to the budget as presented, with the addition of a line item for \$10,000 for playground equipment at Lamoine Beach Park. The commissioners discussed where park road maintenance is funded from, the parks budget or the town road maintenance budget. Cathi will discuss this question with Stu.

7) Boat Storage at Marlboro Beach Park: The storage of boats at the park was discussed. Bob stated that three small open boats are currently stored there. Though the park ordinance prohibits the storage of boats at the parks, this has been a traditional use of the area when the land was owned by the Norris family and their donation included the desire to see traditional uses continue at the park. It was noted that getting the boats removed by their owners has not been a problem in the past and that they do not currently pose a problem to park users. The commissioners decided to allow the boats to remain for now and to monitor the situation to see if it becomes a problem in the future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

There being no further business, Doug proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to adjourn. **Vote in favor was 5 to 0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission