

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019 (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, Maggie Andros and Georgianna Pulver

Minutes of the October 15, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting were approved as written. Doug proposed and Maggie seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Vote in favor was 4 to 0.**

Business

1) Blunts Pond Ice Skating: Cathi reported that she was approached by Iris Simon of the Frenchman's Bay Conservancy after last week's ice skating event at Blunt's Pond with a suggestion to post skating conditions at the pond each week. Doug noted that to do this the ice would have to be sampled and monitored for thickness to insure that it was safe for skating; a process that the commission is not equipped to handle. Doug was also concerned with potential liability to the town if the commission was making this determination and communicating it to the public. It was suggested that a "Skate at your own risk" sign might address the liability issue. Cathi will discuss the liability issue and whether a sign would be effective with Stu Marckoon.

2) Lamoine 150th Anniversary Event Planning: The commission continued the discussion from its previous meeting concerning its participation in the town's anniversary celebration. Cathi suggested that a progressive scavenger hunt involving all three parks would be an appropriate activity. The commissioners agreed with this idea and set the event's date as October 5, 2019. The scavenger hunt will include using the historical and geological information found on the kiosks at Bloomfield Park and Lamoine Beach Park. It will also include natural items found at all three parks. A suggestion to use the "Amazing Race" format was made by a member of the public.

Cathi noted that the anniversary committee has funds for these activities. She also noted that the commission might be able to fund it out of its current budget or through the Hodgkin Fund. Cathi will look into potential costs and discuss potential funding with Cynthia Donaldson of the anniversary committee.

3) Lamoine Beach Signage Request: The commission continued discussion from its previous meeting concerning this issue. The discussion also involved two members of the public interested in this matter. It was noted that the problem of trespass onto private property by park users has continued and has included verbally abusive individuals and dogs off the leash. Landowners have noted that they feel unsafe on their property, especially after dark.

While the commissioners are sympathetic to the landowners' concerns, it was noted that the trespass issue is a law enforcement matter between the landowners and the trespassers. The commission has no legal authority over the area in question, but it understands that the trespassers are probably accessing the area through the park. The commissioners agreed to try and educate the public by putting up "Private Property Begins Here" signs along the park's north and south boundaries, including the beach area itself. Cathi will talk to Stu about acquiring signs and contacting the abutting south boundary landowner about putting signs along their boundary with the state highway.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

There being no further business, Doug proposed and Maggie seconded a motion to adjourn.
Vote in favor was 4 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission