

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2019 (Final Draft – subject to correction)

Park Commission Chairwoman Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall.

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

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved as written. Jeff proposed and Georgianna seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

Business

1) Park Vendors: Cathi reported that a new request has come in to the board of selectmen for permission to operate a food truck at Lamoine Beach Park. Cathi read from a memo by Stu Marckoon to the selectmen and the park commissioners, dated March 19, 2019, concerning this issue. In his memo, Stu noted that the town has no ordinances addressing this issue and raises several concerns, including who has authority to grant permission for such use, is the use prohibited since there is no ordinance and should an attorney be consulted before moving forward on this issue.

Chad Erwin of Nor'easter Ice Cream in Hancock, present at this meeting, has requested permission to operate an ice cream truck at the park one or two days per week through the summer. Mr. Irwin stated that he has operated his truck in other towns and at other events, either being charged a onetime fee or being issued an annual business license, as in the City of Ellsworth.

It was noted that the commission's previous research on this issue showed that the park ordinance does not address this issue and that the special use permit process does not apply as written in the ordinance. Doug suggested that a permanent solution would best be handled through a town-wide business license ordinance for mobile vendors.

Cathi suggested that as a temporary step and as a learning experience for the commission, a special use permit might be issued. It was noted that the permit fee structure is not set up for this type of use. Vendor requirements and restrictions for such an operation were also discussed. These included days and hours of operation, duration of the permit, liability insurance, trash removal, noise (generator) restrictions and the need to restrict the number of vendors operating at one time.

The commissioners felt that they would need the approval of the selectmen to move forward with using the special use permit process for allowing a vendor in the park. Cathi will put a proposal together for using the special use permit and distribute it to the commissioners for their review. She will also bring this proposal, along with a request to develop a town-wide business license

ordinance for mobile vendors to the selectmen. Cathi moved and Maggie seconded a motion to present this to the selectmen. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

2) Boat Launch Ramp Grant: Cathi reported that the town recently received notice that the state was taking applications for funding of boat launch ramps. Cathi noted that a boat ramp is not allowed at Bloomfield Park. Bob noted that the state owned boat launch at Lamoine Beach Park is in disrepair and is not used by the people who do launch boats there. Doug stated that it was his understanding that the state plans to remove that ramp and not replace it. It was also noted that the boat launch at the Lamoine State Park was recently improved and that the state park is a much better location for launching boats. The commissioners decided that no boat launch was needed at Lamoine Beach Park or at Marlboro Beach Park and will therefore not put in a grant application.

3) Lamoine 150th Anniversary Event Planning: The commission continued planning for its anniversary event on Saturday, October 5th of this year. At the last meeting, the commissioners decided to conduct a progressive scavenger hunt geared towards children and involving all three parks (Lamoine Beach, Bloomfield and Marlboro Beach). Cathi reported that she had looked into a suggestion made by a member of the public at the last meeting to use the “Amazing Race” program for the progressive race, but found no information on it.

The commissioners decided to develop their own scavenger hunt using natural, geological and historical items and information available at the three parks. The hunt would also require participants to draw something at each park. Cathi asked for volunteers to develop questions for each park. Cathi will do Lamoine Beach Park, Georgianna will do Marlboro Beach Park and Maggie will do Bloomfield Park. The questions will be presented at the next commission meeting.

Cathi reported that the anniversary committee has a logo contest for the anniversary and that the winning logo may be used by the commission on merchandise they may wish to sell for fund raising. The commissioners have no identified fund raising needs at this time and felt the any anniversary items the commission might sell would be in competition with other anniversary items sold by other town committees. Cathi moved and Jeff seconded a motion not to pursue this fund raising proposal. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

4) Lamoine Beach Signage Request: The commission continued discussion from its previous meetings concerning this issue. Cathi read from a memo by Stu Marckoon to the selectmen and the park commissioners, dated March 19, 2019, concerning this issue. In the memo Stu noted that he has been in contact with the abutting landowner (along the Route 184 side of the park). That landowner is strongly opposed to placing “Private Property Begins Here” signs along her boundary. These signs were proposed by the commissioners at their last meeting. Cathi also noted that Stu has communicated to her that the selectmen are not in favor of any signage for this. It was decided that no further action would be taken on this matter.

The commissioners then discussed the park’s closing hours. The original complainants had requested that the closing hours be changed from 10 pm to sunset. Since the commissioners have no way to enforce this, it was decided not to change the hours.

5) Park Zoning: Cathi reported that she and Doug recently met with Planning Committee Chairman John Holt at his request. The planning board is reviewing its zoning maps to update them and insure that land tracts are in their proper zoning category. John noted that Bloomfield

Park is currently in the resource protection zone. This zone does not allow parking areas within 250 feet of a shoreline, thus making the park's parking lot non-conforming. The proposed Mud Creek Road park would have the same issue and would require the same change as Bloomfield Park. The planning board proposes to rezone these parks and place them in the commercial fishing and marine activities category to make them compliant. Cathi and Doug agreed with John that this should be done. Lamoine Beach Park and Marlboro Beach Park do not require any zoning changes. Doug moved and Jeff seconded a motion to support these proposed changes by the planning board. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

Cathi and Doug also learned from John that the state owned Lamoine Beach Park lands extend approximately 1,000 feet northeast along the shoreline from Route 184 to the lone telephone pole standing at the high tide line in front of a lot with two camper trailers on it.

6) Proposed Mud Creek Road Park: Jeff reported that he not aware of any further action on this proposal and believes it is still in the hands of the lawyers.

7) Annual Bloomfield Park Spring Cleanup: Maggie reported that the local Girl Scout troop is once again prepared to carry out the spring cleanup at the park. The commissioners decided to conduct the cleanup this Sunday, April 28th from 9 am to 11 am. Maggie and Cathi will coordinate this with the Girl Scouts.

8) Bloomfield Park Trail Camera: Cathi noted that the trail camera SD card needs to be replaced. It was decided to do this during the cleanup day this Sunday, April 28th. Cathi will coordinate this with Jeff and with Rick Andros.

9) Marlboro Beach Signs: Bob reported that the rope fence marking off the dune grass area survived the winter very well, with only one fence post being uprooted. Bob did report that in the last week, one of the three "Keep Out" signs was removed and taken away.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on Monday, July 8, 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 6 to 0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission