

Lamoine Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2019 (Final Draft – subject to correction)

Park Commission Chairwoman 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, Jeff Cosulich, Bob Ehlers and Georgianna Pulver.

Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting were approved as written. Doug proposed and Maggie seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. **Vote in favor was 6 to 0.**

Business

1) Lamoine 150th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt: Cathi reported that the scavenger hunts on Saturday, October 5th were not well attended. Cathi reported that she had one participant at Lamoine Beach Park, Georgianna had one participant at Marlboro Beach Park and that Maggie and Jeff had no participants at Bloomfield Park. Doug noted that the lunch held at the school; prior to the hunts had only a few children in attendance and that there is a lot of completion for kids' time today, such as soccer leagues. Maggie suggested and it was agreed to give the anniversary bookmarks and the scavenger hunt lists to the school for their use.

2) Trail Camera at Bloomfield Park: Jeff reported that he has thousands of images taken by the trail camera over the past year. He noted that the nighttime photos are not of good enough quality to identify vehicles or individuals. A discussion of the intended purpose of the camera followed. Doug noted that originally the commission was interested in getting an indication of the daily use at the park and in identifying any potentially illegal activity. Maggie stated that there have been no complaints from park neighbors in the past year concerning illegal activity. It was decided to continue using the camera, with the main purpose being to monitor park use. It was also decided to lengthen the interval between photographs and to have the camera take only one photo at a time and not three photos as it currently does. Jeff and Cathi, with Rick Andros' assistance, will take care of this.

3) Removal of Rock and Plants from the Parks: Georgianna reported that she recently observed an individual removing rocks from the rip-rap along the road at the shoreline of Marlboro Beach. She also noted that plants have also been taken in the past. It was decided that signage prohibiting the removal of rocks and plants should be posted at the park. Cathi will see if there is any current signage related to this at Lamoine Beach Park and Bloomfield Park and will report back to the commission members. Georgianna stated that each park should have such signage if it is currently lacking.

Bob stated that the park has been relatively free of litter and believes the garbage can is doing its job.

4) Winter Skating Rules at Bloomfield Park: Cathi stated that she and Jeff had a discussion concerning possible skating rules at the park after last January's skating event, which the commission co-sponsored with the Frenchman Bay Conservancy. The issue of potential liability to the town was raised. It was questioned if the town becomes liable if the commission encourages ice skating at the park and develops rules for that activity. Cathi will talk to Stu Marckoon about this question and report back to the commission.

5) Proposed Parks Budget for 2020/2021: Cathi handed out a copy of the current year budget as a baseline for next year's proposed budget. It was noted that the budgeted road maintenance at Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach Park have not yet been completed (see Item #6 below).

It was suggested that an information kiosk, similar to the ones at the Lamoine Beach Park and Bloomfield Park be installed at Marlboro Beach Park. It was decided to include this in the proposed budget. Georgianna will talk to the Lamoine Historical Society for appropriate historical information and Cathi will talk with Terry Towne concerning natural history information. Cathi will also find out from Stu as to the cost of the two existing kiosks.

Doug noted that Rick Gallegos, the town's facilities maintenance director, is moving out-of-state and wondered what impact that might have on maintenance at the parks. He also wondered if Rick's time working on the parks was paid out of the parks budget or out of the town's administrative budget. Cathi will talk to Stu concerning this question and whether the town plans to fill Rick's position.

Further work on next year's budget was tabled until the January meeting.

6) Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach Road Repair: As noted above, the entrance roads to Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach Park have not yet been regarded this year. Bob suggested that at this point in time, it would be better to wait until the spring to do this work. The commissioners agreed with this proposal. Cathi will communicate this to Stu.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission will be on Monday, January 6, 2020 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 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Jones
Secretary, Lamoine Parks Commission