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Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Care Budget

Over the years, the town has lumped these three items into one budget article, and basically under one “department” of the town. The Parks Commission is responsible for maintaining the now four town park areas. The commission’s budget is on a separate page.

There is a new park – Whitcomb Woods. This is adjacent to Bloomfield Park around Blunt’s Pond, thanks to a donation by Judith Whitcomb and her sister Katherine Dudzinski which was completed this past fall. With the donation came \$5,000. Part of that donation will be used to construct a sign for the newly owned land, the rest is proposed to go into a newly created fund.

Recreation – There are two components to the recreation portion of the budget. The Downeast Family YMCA has kept its budget request stable at \$3,000 / year for more than 20-years now. This helps provide scholarships for Lamoine residents who are unable to afford membership fees, and allows some special weekend privileges at the “Y” for residents. The “Y” has provided general recreation services to the town for a long time.

The other component is the Lamoine Recreation Committee. The proposed budget is the same as the current fiscal year, \$6,000. Due to the pandemic, the Rec Committee is not operating any program, nor is it generating any revenue. In the hope that the pandemic is over for FY 21/22, the budget would fund the programs that the Rec Committee has offered. The offsetting revenue would draw nothing from property taxes – instead using the money in the rec fund to fund the expenses that the program revenue does not. The Rec Fund has a little over \$24,000 in it (pending the final audit figure).

Cemeteries – The town provides the two largest cemetery corporations in town \$30/grave to care for veterans graves as required by law. The bill from East Lamoine this year was \$2,370, Forest Hill \$2,910 to a total of \$5,280. Sometimes mowing the Marlboro Cemetery is billed to the town at \$75/mow. Four times a year would be \$300, for a total of \$5,580. Rounded up is \$5,600.

The other component is the utility pole flag displays from May to September each year. A \$50 reduction is proposed (\$450).

The total budget is up \$2,250. The proposal to utilize fund revenues of \$5,300 means the property tax impact would be a reduction from the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Proposed Budget 2021-2022

Lamoine Beach Park

Weekly maintenance May 15-July 1	7 x \$20/hr	\$140.00
Bi weekly maintenance July 1-Sept 15	24 x \$20/hr	\$480.00
Weekly maintenance Sept 15-Oct 31	6 x \$20/hr	\$120.00
Trash Pick up 25 weeks	25 x \$16	\$400.00
Mowing		\$1300.00
Misc supplies		\$200.00
Total		\$2,640.00

Bloomfield Park

Weekly maintenance 5/15-10/3	25 x \$20/hr	\$500.00
Trash pick up 25 weeks	25 x \$9	\$225.00
Misc supplies		\$275.00
Brush clearing		\$400.00
Road maintenance	Grading, Ditch	\$1,500.00
Total		\$2,900.00

Whitcomb Woods

General Maintenance		\$1,000.00
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Marlboro Beach Park

Weekly maintenance 5/15-10/3	25 x \$20/hr	\$500.00
Trash pick up 25 weeks	25 x \$9	\$225.00
Road maintenance	Grading	\$1,000.00
Misc Supplies		\$275.00
Kiosk		\$1,500.00
Total		\$3,500.00

Grand Total Parks: **\$10,040.00**

Note increase by \$1,500 for kiosk panels at Marlboro Beach Park.

The Commission also recommends using \$1,000 from a newly established Whitcomb Woods Fund and \$1,500 from the Parks fund to offset property taxes necessary to fund the budget.