



Lamoine Parks Commission

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Minutes September 12, 2022

Parks Chair Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Commission members Cathi Goebel, Maggie Andros, Jeff Cosulich, and alternate Georgianna Pulver. Guests: Cynthia Donaldson and Carolyn Ackerman

Minutes:

The [minutes of the June 6, 2022](#) meeting were approved as written. Maggie proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vote in favor was 3 to 0.

Lamoine Beach Playground Update: Cynthia Donaldson of Lamoine's Little Children group reported that the pieces of playground equipment (a trawler and two blue lobsters) have been in storage at Jay Fowler's garage for more than two years. They had decided not to install them during the COVID pandemic for concerns of sending a mixed message on groups gathering in public. Jay is still willing to install the equipment at the Lamoine Beach on the grassy picnic area. Permitting is all set with the State of Maine as they own the beach. There was also a permit obtained for tidal flooding. The Lamoine State Park had denied the equipment at their location. The Lamoine School also denied the equipment at their playground because the equipment would not be available for the intended preschool aged children during school hours.

They have raised over \$4000 for the project. The group received a \$1500 grant from Maine Community Foundation, which will be used for a dedication plaque and party at the location after installation is complete. The Parks Commission offered to help with the dedication event. Cynthia will keep us posted.

Whitcomb Woods Update: Carolyn Ackerman, Maine Master Naturalist, attended the meeting with an update on the trail signage. She brought in some samples of parking/trail signs to hang before the Snowmobile Club parking lot and some arrows and informational signs to better mark the trails. She recommended keeping the trail natural looking and limit the number of signs. The blue blazes have been put on the trees. Some more clearing and marking the trail is needed where the trail goes down the hill toward the gravel pit, near the boulders, then up the hill to the meadow. Carolyn recommended naming the two loop trails: the Pond Trail and the Deer Meadow Trail. The Parks Commission agreed with those names.

Carolyn has heard back from the Girl Scouts leader and will continue to try to get them involved in the sign making/drawings and trail work.

We also discussed putting up a mailbox similar to the one at Simon Trail near the trail sign to include maps and information. We also discussed what parts of the wood road/snowmobile trail are part of Whitcomb Woods. Cathi will try to reach the head of the Frenchman Bay Snowmobile Club to get permission to use the parking lot.

Carolyn recommended doing some trimming and putting up the signs in the spring since they would get weathered over the winter. Cathi suggested putting up the signs before winter so people could snowshoe and use the trails during the winter. We agreed to see

how many signs/trail markers we could set up before winter. Carolyn suggested doing some group work to construct signs, etc. and tidy up the trails.

Carolyn found a location to put a bench near the pond. She would like to use cedar logs. Cathi reported we have money in the budget for the trails and told Carolyn to save receipts for any purchases she makes. We would need money for a mailbox, printing costs for maps/brochures, and cedar logs.

We also talked about the gravel pit and including the history of that in the brochure, along with warning not to trespass on private property.

Walking/Cycling Safety: Cathi received an email from a concerned citizen about people not wearing reflective clothing when cycling/walking in town. Cathi is trying to reach the Recreation Committee to sponsor a community notice about that, possibly post a stay safe message on social media. Maybe the Town Office can put a notice on the digital sign. Cathi will follow-up with the Rec. Committee.

Coastal Clean-up: This Saturday, September 17, 2022 is Coastal Cleanup Day at 9:30. There are two crews, one meeting at the Lamoine State Park and the other at the Seal Cove Road/Coley Cove Road.

Stargazing in April: Both stargazing events were great and well attended. Linda does a great job. It was recommended that we hold these events twice a year, April and August.

Other Business: Maggie questioned whether we needed an update on the vendor activity at the parks. This would need to be discussed with Selectmen as the ordinance would need updating. The ice cream vendor last summer was a pilot program and we did not get much feedback on that. We can put this on the agenda for December meeting.

Jeff mentioned the potholes at the entrance of Bloomfield Park and whether we need to re-grade it. It was agreed to do this in the Spring. Update: Stu sent an email the day after our meeting stating concerns about the road. Cathi will find out how much money is in the budget for this and whether we can fix it now and then again in the spring.

2022 Future Meeting Dates: Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Maggie proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote in favor was 3 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Andros
Member, Lamoine Parks Commission