



DRAFT - Minutes March 13, 2023

Parks Chair Cathi Goebel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commission members Cathi Goebel, Maggie Andros, Jeff Cosulich, Bob Ehlers, and alternate Georgianna Pulver; special guests from Lamoine Little Children's Group Cynthia Donaldson and Amy Duym.

Minutes:

The [minutes of the January 30, 2023](#) were approved as written. Bob proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vote in favor was 5 to 0.

Lamoine Beach Playground Update: Lamoine Little Children's Group members Cynthia Donaldson and Amy Duym attended this portion of the meeting. We discussed the play structure and the need to put down some wood chips to soak up the water. It was installed by the Fowlers and anchored well. The group decided not to get a dedication plaque and to instead get a rock etched to say "Dedicated to the little children of Lamoine."

We discussed the money raised for the play structure. About \$8,300 was raised by the Lamoine Little Children's Group and another \$10,000 was donated from the Hodgkins Foundation. The Lamoine Parks Commission never knew about the \$10,000 and where it is in the budget. Cynthia reported that since their group is not part of the Town of Lamoine, the money would go to the Town and the Town would pay the expenses out of the money raised by the group. The group is questioning how this works now as they thought there would be money to maintain the structure and for future expenses such as wood chips, painting, repairing rust, etc. Cathi will look into the budget and discuss with Stu. The \$1,500 from Maine Community Foundation cannot be used for work already done, but this can help pay for the inscription on the stone, the dedication party, and setting of the structure (bill not received yet from the Fowlers). We're still waiting to hear back from an arborist about doing the tree work at Bloomfield Park, and the hope is we can use the wood chips from there for the play structure at Lamoine Beach.

The Lamoine Little Children's Group also reported that the Maine Community Foundation will be paying for the purchase of the book "Swimmy" to give out to children at the dedication party for the play structure at Lamoine Beach.

The Lamoine Little Children's Group also had an idea for a new project at the parks concerning safety. They would like to look into providing life jackets and safety information at the parks (information on boating safety, water safety especially for children, and information on tides and oceans for visitors). Amy is looking into the Sea Tow Foundation and its grant program to help with this. The grant application opens in October. Amy would be happy to do the research for this if the Parks Commission is in agreement. All agreed it would be a good project to look into. There is the issue of liability to look into as well as maintaining the life jackets, etc. at the parks.

Marlboro Beach: We discussed the recent incident involving two vehicles getting stuck in the water at Marlboro Beach. Vehicles should not be in the tidal area and should stay beyond the high tide mark. We discussed whether a sign was needed, as this will have to be brought to the Selectman for approval. Bob suggested a sign near the rocks on the left when entering the beach to read “No vehicles on tidal flats.” We discussed whether there was a fine or consequence for vehicles getting stuck on the mud flats or in the water for environmental threats, but again the issue is there is no enforcement at the parks for any of the rules. By agreement with the Norris family, access to the beach cannot be denied. Bob proposed and Georgiana seconded a motion to request a sign to read “No vehicles on tidal flats.” Vote in favor was 5 to 0.

Perry Fowler did the road work at Marlboro Beach very quickly after Stu’s request. The rocks are still there that we thought would be moved. Cathi will follow-up with Stu on this. There is still some cleanup to be done from the storm that the Parks can take care of when we get a trailer to haul it away (seaweed and wood that Bob had piled up). Cathi will follow-up on this.

Bob asked if Cathi had talked with Larisa from the Conservation Commission about their signs. The metal posts don’t work and the signs keep falling down and disappearing. Bob recommended getting wooden posts and the Parks Commission can install them. Do they want us to use their signs? Cathi will follow-up.

Whitcomb Woods: Carolyn Ackerman is working on the trail signs and tree identification with Girl Scouts who are working on their badges. The plan is to have it completed by summertime. Cathi will ask for an update and invite them to the next meeting.

Bloomfield Park: There is still the mess of broken/tangled trees near the bathroom facilities at Bloomfield Park. Cathi will follow-up with Stu on getting an arborist to complete this job. That will need to be done before the Parks Commission can plan our spring cleanup.

Secretary Position: Maggie will be resigning from the Parks Commission at the end of her term June 30, 2023. Parks members will also spread the word to try to find two new members, as Lori Jordan put in her resignation effective March 10, 2023. Jeff and Georgiana agreed to fill in doing minutes until someone offers to fill the secretary position.

Safety: We discussed safety when working on Town Parks, especially when using chainsaws. Georgiana asked about liability if someone gets hurt. The Town is insured. We also discussed whether we should have a life ring at Bloomfield Park for rescue. This will be a continued discussion along with the safety program proposed by the Lamoine Little Children’s Group.

New Business: Bob would like to put on the agenda for the next meeting the possibility of making all of the Lamoine Parks for residents use only due to increased usage, especially if a new glamping business comes to town. This would require a change to the Town ordinance.

2023 Future Meeting Dates:

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (discuss budget).

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Maggie proposed and Jeff seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote in favor was 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Andros
Member, Lamoine Parks Commission