

Londonderry Town Parks
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Agenda

The Londonderry Parks Board will meet on **Monday, November 18th @ 5pm at the Town Hall (139 Middletown Rd) and/or on zoom**

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1. Call the meeting to order.
 - a. *Elizabeth calls to order @ 5pm – In attendance: Elizabeth, Chad, Joel, Liam, Stephen, Taylor, Marge (zoom)*
2. Additions and deletions.
 - a. *No additions or deletions*
3. Public comment/visitors.
 - a. *No public comments/visitors*
4. Minutes approval.
 - a. *Approval motioned by Chad, seconded by Stephen, no discussion, approval carries*
5. Pingree
 - a. Tree Update
 - i. *Wise Oak removed dead standing around left field of softball field and behind “concession shed”. Could pay more to remove stumps, board decided to leave for now. Discussion about upgrading fencing along steep riverside path between ballfields. Redoing snow fence for now versus investment in chain-link, which doesn’t match desired look. Chad opened discussion about removing all the pines, both sides of softball field and replacing the first base side with maples potentially. Board in support of the future action. To be discussed in multi-year planning.*
 - b. Ball fields – clay & vinegar
 - i. *Discussion about vinegar spray that Rick used at FB to maintain grass on the ballfields. Stephen motioned to purchase 55-gal drum of vinegar, Chad tied for second, no further discussion, motion carries.*
 - c. Nutrients
 - i. *Got information and pricing from West River’s nutrient specialist, but all agreed, not necessary at this time, but good to know in case needed down the road.*
6. Memorial
 - a. Traffic Counters / QR Codes
 - i. *Counters are very expensive and not worth the information given. Conversation back to QR code to get users to participate in tracking. Opens up communication path as well.*
 - b. Pond upgrades for '25

- i. Board agreed the order of importance was Pavillion Roof, "Diving Dock" and surrounding stones, Playground, Bubbler, Nature signs*
7. Mowing Bid / PT Hire
 - a. Price of current contracts could be equal or more to price of employee and necessary equipment to maintain parks in house. Want to investigate a scenario of hiring a 20-28 hour seasonal groundskeeping parks employee, trade park plowing to road crew and in exchange, take over the mowing of the town hall/town offices/and Prouty land. Will break down more in time for budget meeting with Tina on 12/3.*
8. Budget
 - a. There is a need for tennis court repair (\$150K) and a truck for parks (big enough to pull tractor & trailer). Discussion about park funds that stay with Pingree Park like we have Riverside Fund and Memorial Park Fund. Conversation for Tina to learn more on how to make that happen. Discussion about Muisic Monday funding. Has been covered by donations, but barely this last year (\$10K). Joel feels confident we can get lower cost acts and bring our overall cost for MM down, therefore keeping it off the budget and funded by donations.*
9. Long Term Planning
 - a. Discussion about tennis court fencing and securing the failing fence posts broke into discussion of quick fix while we wait to replace the entire court/fence or doing it properly and eating that cost if we replace court/fence in the spring of '26.*
 - b. Advantage Tennis has laid out a ballpark price and timeline for full tennis court removal and replacement. Would require large ask for appropriations to the town. Board agrees maintaining tennis court is a priority. Development of second court (to expand tennis/pickleball) would need to be privately fundraised in addition to single court replacement.*
10. Set next meeting.
 - a. Next meeting set for 12/11/24 @ 5pm*
11. Adjourn.
 - a. Adjourning motion by Stephen, seconded by Chad, no discussion, motion carried.*

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