

Londonderry Town Parks
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Agenda

The Londonderry Parks Board will meet on **Wednesday, November 6th @ 5:30pm at the Londonderry Town Hall Building (139 Middletown Road, Londonderry) and/or on zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98362553117>

1. Call the meeting to order.
 - a. *Elizabeth calls to order at 5:58pm – In attendance: Elizabeth, Marge, Andy, Joel, Chad, Taylor, Tom Cavanagh, Liam, Stephen (zoom)*
2. Additions and deletions.
 - a. *Tom Cavanagh – Pingree park flood elevation project – Addition motioned by Marge, Chad seconded, addition carries*
3. Public comment/visitors.
 - a. *No public comment*
4. Minutes approval.
 - a. *Approval motioned by Marge, seconded by Chad, approval carries*
5. Flood Elevation Project
 - a. *Windam Regional Committee notified Tom that Pingree Park, specifically the dog park area and the forest below in the river bend, is one of three state approved projects for flood mitigation. Tom does not have many details, but the basic idea is that the forested area will be cleared and lowered to 12" above river level to allow for water storage during flood events. More vegetation will be introduced to the newly lowered land. Unknown if the dog park itself will be affected. More details are coming soon.*
6. Kelly's Thank You
 - a. *Selectboard recognized Kelly in the minutes. Elizabeth will follow up with a personal letter.*
7. Park Closures
 - a. Selectboard decision
 - i. *Selectboard decided to keep parks open for the winter.*
 - b. Plowing Bid
 - i. *Approved Dryden to plow both Memorial and Pingree for one year so we can gather data on park use. Parks Board discussed game cameras, traffic trackers, and a QR registration to help get data.*
 - c. Memorial Cleanout
 - i. *Park closed temporarily while pond was draining. South Londonderry Fire volunteered during their training. Small hoses were not very effective. Large hoses almost too effective. Muck and algae cleared down and out. Over 5 days of pumps off, but drain not pulled, a significant water level drop happened. Will want to consider a clay layer*

in the future to lessen water loss and subsequently less pump usage. Left behind after draining was significant amount of grass. Ideas of letting grass perimeter grow to avoid cuttings blowing into pond. Also idea of bubbler/fountain to keep movement. Also need to make plan for spring for diving dock exit/perimeter rocks.

8. Signs

a. VTrans

i. Communicated with Marc Pickering to clarify road clearance

b. Installs

i. Pingree, Buxton, & Williams signs installed with help of Dennis.

9. Roofing Bid

a. Sent to Shane, but have not seen go out to public.

10. Pingree Ballfields

a. Tractor Update

i. New tires on trailer, new lights on trailer, repaired tire on tractor– system is fully operational. Memorial beach raked, Pingree ballfields scraped, FBAA sponsored dump truck of clay to replenish lower field, Rick Porcello rented sod cutter to edge the infield. Fields moving in great direction for spring. Interested in 55gal drum of vinegar to maintain fields going forward, mixed with regular nail drag/raking. Tractor will be taken to Matt Coleman for end of season checkup. Road crew has cleared a bay for winter storage. Need to fire up mower to test and/or take to Matt for potential repair.

11. Adjustable Basketball Hoops

a. Citizen asked about adjustable basketball hoops for shorter players/youth. Spoke about adjustable hoops being somewhat dangerous for public use, as well as the break easily. Other concerns were dunking and damage/injuries. Taylor mentioned some parks having small youth area, but he admitted he still dunked on it. Board not looking to invest in adjustable/lower hoops at this time.

12. Long Term Planning

- a. Heard back from Advantage Tennis about replacement. Ballpark estimate is \$150k. If looking to expand to 2 courts, it is not a double in price. Can take care of demo and foundation ourselves, which would greatly lessen our costs with Advantage as they work with their contractors who would be travelling from up north. Ideal timeline would be locking down our funding and plans by fall '25, demo at end of fall, let it sit over winter, touch up in spring, then Advantage would build first thing, minimizing down time for court.*
- b. Need to host public meeting to discuss options for Pingree. Pickleball, skatepark, pump track, nothing new...*
- c. Looking into leveling mound between ballfields to increase parking and accessibility.*
- d. Bleacher sponsorship has been submitted to the Rotary Club and FBAA.*

- e. *Bubblers for Memorial – need to be kid proof – Chad's idea to take current water source and piping it down to pond entrance and stopping it down to build pressure from current water source. Research to be done.*
 - f. *Memorial playground in need of repair/replacement*
- 13. Set next meeting.
 - a. *11/18/24 @ 5pm*
- 14. Adjourn.
 - a. Moved by Marge, seconded by Chad, adjourned.

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