

Londonderry Town Parks
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Agenda

The Londonderry Parks Board will meet on **Wednesday, December 11th @ 5pm at the Town Hall (139 Middletown Rd, Londonderry) and on zoom**

1. Call the meeting to order.
 - a. *Motioned by Stephen, Seconded by Chad, called to order at 5:00pm – Chad, Taylor, Stephen, Marge, Elizabeth, and Liam present.*
2. Additions and deletions.
 - a. *Addition by Liam – Skating Rink*
 - b. *Addition by Taylor - Resignation*
3. Public comment/visitors.
 - a. *None*
4. Minutes approval.
 - a. *Motioned by Chad, Seconded by Stephen, Motion carries*
5. Kelly's Thank You
 - a. *Elizabeth is working on it over break.*
6. Parks Update
 - a. *Liam removed porta potty from Pingree for winter, pickleball nets removed, tennis net still needs to come down. Plowing has been happening properly.*
 - b. *Conversation about softball home dugout and what can be done to level the foundation*
 - c. *QR code is made and tested. Not setup as check-in, but instead a survey to understand usage. Post on FB, print and post around town.*
7. Music Monday
 - a. *Joel has local options in a lower cost range and is working to put it in an email so board can listen to them.*
 - b. *Set dates for 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18 – if looking for 5th option it would be 6/23 (Liam will not be around for 6/23)*
 - c. *Taylor opened conversation about offering shows in more locations to include "Mountain Towns". Marge noted to not compete with Winhall shows on Friday nights. Consideration more so if MTR takes over Music Monday from Parks.*
8. Budget Update
 - a. *Had meeting with Tina, Martha, and Shane. Looking to adjust budget request to be better utilized while not increasing our overall ask. New for FY2026:*
 - i. *Seasonal PT parks employee who will take on mowing & landscaping as well as other duties*
 - ii. *Roads crew would take over parks plowing*
 - iii. *No longer sign on for contracted services for plowing, mowing, and landscaping.*

- iv. Increase in equipment funding to equip parks employees for maintenance.
 - v. 20k into Pingree Fund
 - b. Long discussion on wage for PT employee. Chad highly encouraging \$35/hr.
 - c. Tennis court conversation expanded on course of action. Ask tax payers for \$150k this year to replace current court or press pause for another fiscal year to get feedback from towns people, research court options, and consider the park's long-term options.
 - i. Dog park will remain the same or be edited by state flood mitigation project – we are not concerned with that space for the foreseeable future
 - ii. Ballfields – looking into excavation of mound between the fields and utilizing the fill to expand parking/passageway
 - iii. Discussion about the rest of park and potential redesign/development.
 - d. Learned of possibility to ask cemeteries for tennis court loan to spread out the cost over several years versus all in one year. Need to reach out to cemeteries.
9. Long Term Planning
 - a. Discussion on how we warn public meeting for Pingree design – announce at town meeting and launch new survey for time leading up to public meeting to give as many opportunities for public input.
10. Ice Skating
 - a. Londonderry skate rink crew reached out asking if MTR would be interested in taking over. MTRDAC voted to chip in and help and consider MTR taking over for next season.
 - b. Long discussion about viability of skate rink, necessary volunteers, potential location in park – parks board not interested in taking over rink responsibilities
11. Set next meeting.
 - a. 1/2/25 @ 4:30pm
12. Adjourn.
 - a. Stephen motioned, Chad seconded, motion carries. Adjourned at 6:43pm.