

Londonderry Town Parks
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Agenda

The Londonderry Parks Board will meet on **Thursday, January 9th, 2025 @ 4:30pm at the Town Hall (139 Middletown Rd, Londonderry) and on zoom**

1. Call the meeting to order.
 - a. 4:34 – *Chad, Marge, Joel, Elizabeth, Liam*
2. Additions and deletions.
 - a. **ADDITION**
 - i. *Liam – Memorial Park Well*
 - ii. *Liam – Collaborative Summer Camp*
 - b. **DELETIONS**
 - i. *One-Year Review*
 - c. *Motioned by Marge, Seconded by Chad, No discussion, motion carried*
3. Public comment/visitors.
 - a. *No visitors or comments*
4. Minutes approval.
 - a. *Motioned by Marge, Seconded by Chad, No discussion, motion carried.*
- ~~5. Liam's 1 Year Review~~
6. Memorial Well
 - a. *Upon inspection of the park Liam found the well spraying water out the new weld on the well that was worked on last spring. Upon chatting with Frost, Liam learned that is an artisan well and water coming out the top and saturating the area is a good/normal thing, but the water should be coming out the head, not the weld. We need to call Frost in the spring and they will fix the weld.*
7. Collaborative Summer Camp
 - a. *Amanda at the Collaborative checked in about this coming summer's camp attendance bumping up from 20 to 40, mentioning that in some years past, it's been as big as 50. No worries from the Parks Board about this continued use.*
 - b. *Conversation developed over businesses making money while using the public parks. There was distinction between a for-profit business, ie, tennis coach holding private lessons, and a non-profit, who's technically charging money, but their funds go right back into public programming. Discussion also included the frequency and amount of use of the parks. Liam will include Facility Use Policy & Agreement in email with minutes to allow board to double check for accuracy.*
8. Parks Board Vacancy
 - a. *Liam will post vacancy on FB page*
9. Winter Survey Update
 - a. *Survey posted twice on FB and on website banner, and QR codes just recently posted at Memorial and Pingree - 35 participants so far – 71% have never used*

parks in winter – 83% have not utilized parks this winter season – Camera is up at Memorial and will be at Pingree soon

10. MM Band Selection

- a. Priority on bands that are not local-local, but regionally-local to provide residents a chance to see bands they can't always see. Town report includes 5th date for MM on 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18. Joel & Liam will reach out to Prydein, Kale, and Wait For It to see if dates will work for them. Liam will email updated sponsorship form out to board with links to bands we've heard from so far. Joel asked about getting EQX to sponsor a night. They would not pay cash, but trade promotion of all our events.*

11. PT Employee Job Description

- a. Minor edits to include mowing and landscaping tasks and maintaining a reliable vehicle, since that has not been put into the budget yet. Marge motioned to accept changes to job description, Seconded by Chad, no discussion, motion carried.*
- b. Hiring process should start asap and promotion should include FB and ski areas*

12. Tennis Court Update

- a. Spoke with Shawn from Advantage, let him know we will not be going on rebuild until spring of '27 while we get our ducks in a row and raise funds. That means we need to maintain the courts for at least two more seasons. He is working up a quote for current needs (Liam sent photos).*

13. Public Meeting for Pingree

- a. Adjust survey to ask where do you live – board said not to include ideas for Pingree, but leave it open ended and allow space for participants to include their hopes & desires for Pingree – Add “drop down” options for what “your household” uses – check frequency of use –*
- b. Learned from Shawn at Advantage Tennis that the basketball court is currently covered in a sand paint necessary for tennis/pickleball, but if there were two tennis/pickleball courts, when the basketball court needed resurfacing, it could be done with a paint that is built for wheeled activities and possible street hockey, finally providing a paved area for play, which our town currently lacks.*

14. Parks Budget

- a. Budget has been shifted around to increase funding for PT seasonal employee, beef up our supplies, equipment, maintenance fund to allow for purchase and maintenance of tools. Overall budget request is down by \$7,000 from last year, but we are asking for an appropriation of \$20k to go into the Pingree Park fund for long term planning (tennis court...)*
- b. Approve FY26 budget to send to selectboard, motion by Marge, seconded by Chad, no discussion, motion carried.*

15. Set next meeting.

- a. February 10th @ 6pm*

16. Adjourn.

- a. Motion to adjourn by Marge, Seconded by Chad, no discussion, motion carried.*