

Londonderry Town Parks
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Parks Board Minutes

The Londonderry Parks Board will met on Monday, May 19th 2025 at 4:30 at the Town Hall 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry and on zoom.

In Attendance: Liam Elio, Marge Fish, Chad Stoddard, Joel Jordan, Steve Bergleitner, Kelly Pajala, Elizabeth Labeau

1. The meeting was called to order
2. Additions and deletions. The following items were added to the agenda: Andy's seat on the board, Facebook advertising, Aiken's Corner mowing
3. Public comment/visitors. None
4. Minutes approval. Chad made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed and minutes were approved.
5. Memorial Roof: Buddy Batchelor is working through admin details with Aileen on the contract for replacing the roof of the pavilion. He has some questions about the contract. He should start the actual work next week sometime. The Park is usually opened by Memorial Day with a full pond. There were some concerns about the park being open while Buddy is there working on the roof. Marge made a motion to close the park during the week while Buddy is working on the roof. Chad seconded the motion. The motion passed. Liam will follow up with putting a notice about the park closure on the Town website, Facebook and on a sign at the park.
6. General Parks Update
 - a. Nick: Nick has been working for two weeks. Chad is working with him on expectations for mowing and weed whacking parks. He has been working on the following projects: Sprayed dirt ball fields with vinegar. New fencing along the high point of the bank between the two baseball fields. Improving Picnic pads at memorial park with SMS volunteers.
 - b. Truck: Truck is going well. Using upper garage at town office for storage of vehicles and equipment. Storage container will be available soon down by town garage.
 - c. Flagpole: Flag pole has been reset and pole was shortened. Tree branches near the flag might need to be cut back.
 - d. Ballfields: Ball field maintenance is going well. Baseball season is happening. Rebuilding infield mound on lower field in a project for this year. Vinegar application on the infield dirt and dragging with York rake is helping with controlling the growth of grass. Bleachers have been shortened which makes VLCT happy.
 - e. Pickleball Nets: Pickleball nets are being fixed although some parts aren't available. Extra nets are positive and appreciated.
 - f. Memorial Pond: Settlement happened by the drain below the level of the drain. There is already green growth happening in that area. Algae problem needs attention as immediately as possible. Barley packs are already going in. Maybe using dye in the water at memorial again to try to help with algae growth. Barley mats or straw possible use. Liam will talk to Matt D about other products that can be used with his treatment packs. There was discussion about ways to keep water moving. Chad is going to look into solar powered aeration systems.

7. Minute Taking: After some discussion Elizabeth can take minutes but can not run the meeting at the same time. Marge agreed to run the meeting if Elizabeth can take minutes. Liam will add a vote to change the chair/vice chair roles to the next meeting agenda. Kelly can take minutes until roles are changes.

8. Music Monday:

- a. Contracts: Music contracts are almost done. Sound contracts are still in process.
- b. Sponsors: Sponsors funds collected total is \$3912. Folks need to follow up with sponsors who haven't sent in donations yet.
- c. Promotion: Print materials and banners need to be ordered asap. Buffy is doing poster and banner design with Liam. Info about music Monday can be posted on Facebook forums, front porch forum and the town website. Lawn signs of the event need updating. Liam is working on that.

Additions

Board terms: Steve is going to stay on the board. Andy is going to step off the board. Need to start recruiting a new member. Jane M was mentioned as a possible member.

Facebook Advertising was not discussed.

Aiken's Corner: Aiken's Corner is not currently being cared for or paid for by the beautification committee. The Corner doesn't look good. Community members have complained to Liam and Parks Board members. Last year there was an agreement made in a selectboard meeting that Dryden's would mow Aiken's corner and added an increase to their mowing contract to cover the cost. That contract is no longer valid and Nick is mowing the parks and other town properties. There is a need to determine who should be mowing and maintaining the plantings in Aiken's corner given the agreement the beautification committee made with the selectboard when they did plantings there. Rugg Valley used to do some mowing tasks but the business was sold so they aren't doing those tasks anymore. Aiken's Corner is not a park. The beautification committee had an agreement with the selectboard about covering maintenance costs for Aiken's corner but nobody knows how that agreement is being handled. The Selectboard should discuss the issue and determine who is paying for Aiken's corner and who is going to do maintenance work on the parcel. There was discussion about asking for the \$1,000 a year that was raised for Aiken's corner by the Beautification committee to go to park's expenses if parks is going to take over maintenance. Mowing and other flower bed maintenance needs to be addressed and planned for if any parcels are acquired by the town in the future.

9. Set next meeting: Next meeting June 3rd @ 4:30 in town office.

10. Adjourn: Chad made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

