

Londonderry Town Parks
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Agenda

The Londonderry Parks Board will meet on **Thursday, July 23rd @ 3pm at Memorial Park (1661 Goodaleville Rd, South Londonderry) and on zoom**

1. Call the meeting to order.
 - a. Marge called to order at 3:03pm
2. Additions and deletions.
 - a. None
3. Public comment/visitors.
 - a. Carl-Erik (potential new member)
4. Minutes approval.
 - a. Troy motions, Joel seconds, motion passes
5. Potential New Member
 - a. Carl-Erik is an active recreator and former educator and coach. He volunteers with the Londonderry Ice Rink and likes to give back to the community.
 - b. Troy motions to recommend Carl-Erik to the selectboard as a new parks board member, Joel seconds. Motion passes.
6. Volunteer Day
 - a. First Baptist Church provided youth volunteers for the third year in a row on 7/9/26. They were a great group that helped weed the basketball court at Pingree, and cleared a bunch of brush around the Memorial playground. Huge thank you to the FBC crew.
 - b. Marge will send out a proper thank you card.
7. Seeding at Pingree
 - a. TK recently seeded the hillside by the softball field where the trees were removed, completing that project.
8. Scoreboard
 - a. GMP does not donate/sell old power poles. Found national site where you can request a minimum of 50 when they are in your area. Liam filled out the request form, but never received any response back.
 - b. Received quotes from both Mac Steel and Record Concrete. Roughly \$2,000 for 8" steel I-beams with cross supports and welded base plates, delivered. Roughly \$1,500 for 24" x 5' sauna tubes, filled with anchor bolts installed. With excavation in kind from Justin, the project would total roughly \$3,500.
 - i. Discussion about that being steep for overbuilding the project and not the best use of tax payer monies, especially when there is growing conversation of middle school moving and the need for the board could be less.

- ii. Discussion went back to pressure treated 6x6's or even 8x8's. Safe and more economical approach that would allow for easier relocation if ever needed. Liam will research cost and work on plan with Justin.

9. Music Mondays

- a. 3 of 5 in the books. So far so great. Numbers have steadily grown each week. Two more shows coming up on Aug 3rd and Aug 17th.
- b. Liam asked the board how they felt about Music Monday shifting over to Mountain Towns Recreation (MTR). Steve and Joel had mentioned previously that it would be cool to bring shows to the other MTR towns. The board said they were open to the idea. The next step is for Liam to ask the MTR Advisory Committee if they would support the shift. Will come back with verdict at a future meeting.

10. Pickleball Courts

- a. July is the cutoff to make the decision about adding additional dedicated pickleball courts to the upcoming court project. Liam initiated the conversation with Advantage Tennis and they came up with the idea of a "happy medium". An old idea included doubling the size of the court to get 4 dedicated pickleball courts which was cost prohibitive due to the massive additional work to fill in the hillside on the east end. The new idea is to add two dedicated pickleball courts between the current tennis and basketball courts, behind the swings. This would not require major excavation/fill and could be attached to the new court. The board was open to the idea, although are still waiting for an official quote from Advantage.
 - i. The board was able to put \$40,000 down at the end of FY'26 and has another \$40,000 saved in the Pingree Fund. Liam has started the groundwork for a fundraising campaign to help get donations from tennis and pickleball players, especially those that are not Londonderry taxpayers. The board has been approved to borrow up to \$150,000 for the project, but they are hoping to afford it with minimal borrowing if any at all.
 - ii. If you are interested in helping support this project or any other MTR events/programs, please go to www.mountaintownsrecreation.org and click on the donate button. You will be able to earmark your donation so it goes where you'd like it to. (MTR is technically run through the Town of Londonderry. Donations to a municipality are tax deductible via IRS tax code 170c1.)

11. Memorial Projects

- a. This meeting was held at Memorial so the board could walk around and put eyes on several projects at the park. The overall takeaway is there are some larger projects in the pipeline that will need to be approached strategically.
 - i. Water Level – each year seems to bring a new challenge, and this year is the water level. It has yet to reach full capacity and even looks like it could be dropping. The board walked around looking for evidence of leakage. It was decided that the first action will be for Liam to pull off the

stops on the well timers and let them run full-time for at least a day and see if that brings the level up.

- ii. Playground – the current playground is showing signs of rot. Liam has started looking into replacement options, but the selections are overwhelming. Joel proposed the idea of a pirate ship or a nautical theme. Liam will do some research and bring potential options back to the board with varied price tags.
- iii. Pond Docks – There are two sections of concrete that are flaking out. There was discussion on how to rebuild the diving dock. The dock itself will need repair in the near future, plus the large rocks around the pond's edge need attention. It was noted that there used to be a ladder off the diving dock which would shift traffic off of the hillside. Liam will reach out for quotes from local builders and look into purchasing a ladder.

12. Set next meeting.

- a. August 19th at 6pm

13. Adjourn.

- a. Motioned by Joel, seconded by Troy, meeting adjourned.