

Londonderry Town Parks
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The Londonderry Parks Board met at The Town Office Building 100 Old School Street South Londonderry on Monday November 28th, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: Marge Fish, Steve Bergleitner, Kelly Pajala

Others Present: Chad Stoddard, Anna Stoddard, Danny Cobb, Bob Fish, Gail Mann, Larry Gubb, Shane O'Keefe, Jason Marino, Chrissy Haskins

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.
2. There were no additions and deletions to the agenda.
3. There were no comments from the public.
4. Meet with the Village Wastewater Committee about the use of Pingree Park as a location for a community wastewater system:

Gail Mann spoke about why Pingree Park is the only site left in the North Village that the Village Wastewater Committee thinks is viable for siting a wastewater system.

Chrissy Haskins described what a decentralized wastewater system is. She said it would be "in ground" with no above ground equipment. Depending on information gathered because of test pits a mound system might be required. Nothing heavy could go on top of the site. Only small equipment could be driven over the site.

There is a second Town owned site being considered on the Custer Sharp land next to the historical society building.

It is hard to say how many acres are needed to build a system. Usable area is limited by slope, soils, and water table. Potential sites were limited by the distance to Town and private property owners' willingness to offer space for a site, as well.

There is a potential serve area within the designated North Village that has both commercial and residential properties. The estimated need for the serve area is 15,000 – 20,000 gallons per day. The highest potential capacity that could be provided by the two systems (at Pingree and Custer Sharp) is 6,500 gallons per day by each system, but it could be less. We won't know the actual capacity per system until they are designed.

There was a question about whether use of the systems will be mandatory for properties in the serve area. It was stated that would be a town decision to make. A member of the wastewater committee said it would be voluntary to hook up to the systems. It was not clear if that was a firm decision or the current thinking of the committee.

There was a question about usage and maintenance fees being required. Those fees will also be determined by the Town. They have not been determined yet because there is

not any cost information available yet to form the basis for a fee structure. The Town will also need to decide who will pay the fees.

It was stated that both potential sites will require an inground pump station at a low point in the serve area. The pump station locations have not been sited yet.

The new site under consideration at Pingree is an 8,000 square foot spot in the wooded area behind the tennis courts, between the floodplain and designated wetlands. (See attached presentation slides) That field area could provide 3,200 – 6,400 gallon per day capacity depending on system design. (The area available at the Custer Sharp land is roughly the same size)

There was question about how much maintenance these systems would require and whether a new Town employee would be needed to do regular maintenance. There would need to be an annual inspection and weekly site checks. The selectboard will need to decide about creating a new town employee position or assigning maintenance tasks to an existing position.

There is a second site at Pingree Park still being considered by the VWC in the outfield of the softball field. That site would not be used if a mound system was required because it would disrupt the current recreational use of the field. It was suggested that if a mound system could be placed there that the entire field could be raised up so it could still be used for softball. It was noted that a corner of the field is in the floodplain.

There was a question about the system installation disrupting park activities. If the wooded site is accessed using the trail in the woods, it should be minimally disruptive to park activities. The pipes connecting the system to the village would run along Pingree Park Lane and Old Stowell Hill Road. Pingree Park Lane is a private road. The Town has a right of way to use it to access the park. The select board will need to determine how to handle the legal question of running pipe along Pingree Park Lane.

It was stated that there are two potential improvements to the Park if a system is sited there: capacity to add a bathroom facility to the park and improvement to the road and entrance to the park.

The next steps to determining the feasibility of potential sites if the selectboard votes to rescind their decision to not use Pingree park as a wastewater site location is to do hand auger soil tests, followed by test pits and topographical mapping of the sites. The VWC wants the parks board to support the siting of a wastewater system in the park and ask the select board to rescind their vote to not use Pingree Park for a wastewater system.

The parks board agreed to discuss the new information provided by the VWC at their next meeting on December 5th.

5. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Marge seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. Memorial Park planning:
 - a. pond treatment update: The pond guy, Matt, liked the idea of filling in the bottom of the pond where it is too deep to drain. He thinks cleaning out that whole area

will be helpful. He will coordinate with Levi on doing that work in the spring. He also wants to add the barley extract treatment as a regular part of the plan to control algae growth, along with the treatment we are already using. That is the current plan for next year to try to control algae growth. He will get us an estimate for the cost of emptying the deepest portion of the pond and filling it in with sand to be level with the drain.

b. driveway entrance plowing cost approval: Marge made a motion to amend the park plowing contract with Dryden's Outdoor to include plowing out the end of the Memorial Park entrance to create a few parking spaces at the cost of \$50 per plow and \$60 per sanding to be paid out of the Memorial Park Fund or to create a one-year contract to do the same until the contracts for all plowing are up for renewal and can be combined. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Sound Equipment Purchase Proposal was passed over.

8. Marge made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.