

Londonderry Town Parks
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Minutes

The Londonderry Parks Board will meet at The Town Office Building 100 Old School Street South Londonderry on May 31, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Present: Steve Bergleitner, Chad Stoddard, Marge Fish, Kelly Pajala, Andy Kubica (called in via phone), Marlene Boyanor, Mark Wright

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. There were no Public comment/Visitors.
4. Steve moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Marge seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Genser property proposal by One Londonderry: Marlene Boyanor and Mark Wright presented One Londonderry's plan for installing a park on the "Genser" property on the corner of Rt 100 and Rt 11. They presented a packet of information with their proposal. They believe the cost of the plan as presented will be \$30,000 which includes \$5,000 to be used for maintenance costs over 5 years. They had no plan for who would take responsibility for the space or the maintenance costs after the 5 years. They described the various plantings, benches, large stones and paths they intend to install. They said the composting porta potty and stone steps on the plan were no longer being considered for installation. They said they had communicated with Vtrans and they had no problem with the plan as presented. There are not crosswalks included on the plan but they indicated that they eventually wanted crosswalks at the location and possibly sidewalks and a three way stop traffic light but that those elements would need a traffic/pedestrian traffic study by Vtrans first. They also mentioned putting temporary shade structures on the parcel in the future. They mentioned applying for a better places grant which needs matching funds. They are debating how to raise the matching funds. Individual board member concerns include: plantings blocking the line of sight at the intersection of Rt 100 and Rt 11, increasing pedestrian traffic across Rt 11 at a place that doesn't have great visibility (increase in rescue calls), building a park across the street from an existing park, lack of parking, increasing pedestrian crossing on Saturday when there is maximum traffic congestion at that location already, bandwidth for One Londonderry to do maintenance for 5 years, long term maintenance costs, will the space officially become a Town Park after 5 years, creating a pedestrian traffic hazard where there currently isn't one, this being the 1st phase of the Main Street Master Plan, the current little flags in the ground don't give a true sense of how high plantings will be and whether visibility will be blocked. The majority opinion is that plantings seem like a possible addition to the space but not the seating areas.
6. Status update on Mountain Town Regional Recreation Director position Advisory committee progress: there are solid drafts of a job description and a local agreement already. After the next advisory committee meeting there should be drafts of documents to share with the other Towns. Next meeting is on 6.6.23 at 7:00pm.
5. Summer to do list:

Park maintenance: We want to order a hand crank for the tennis net. Will research what we need. The porta potty use by the basketball court has increased so much we feel we need an additional normal size porta potty at that location. Will call Best Septic to inquire. Next meeting vote on cost increase. We want to get back on the storage shed for memorial park project. We just need to get site prep done and decide on a shed size. Andy will provide shed options. Kelly will ask Road crew about delivering gravel for site prep. The trails are in good shape. The trail at Memorial park needs a sign to indicate where a private trail connects to it. Kelly will look into the cost of a sign.

Pond maintenance: We need to clean out and fill in the undrained bottom of the pond before we start pumping water into the pond. Kelly will check in with Matt and Levi about the progress on that project.

Gardening progress: Alberti's has started working on the gardens. Progress looks good so far.

New swing set plan: We are waiting on a delivery and installation date. The swing set is on order.

Park signs are nearly ready. Kelly had some questions about sign posts and brackets that she will send to Marge.

6. Music Monday to do list:

Posters: Nearly ready. Needs a few edits. Sponsorship banners need work.

Social media: Kelly will create facebook events this week.

Backdrop curtain and lights will be ready for the first event.

Fundraising Update: looks like we might meet our goal. There are a few more donations to come in.

There was a mention of a possible Londonderry Fire Department fund raiser at Pingree Park in the future. There was also mention of doing a fund raiser concert event at Memorial Park next year.

4th of July Parade: Kelly will have to drag her kids into walking in the parade.

Things to do once July hits: Help Andy with set up and running around on the day of events

Sponsorship dates list: Magic Mt. gets Saints and Liars, The Vermont Butcher shop gets Moxie,

Heritage family Credit union gets the Morning Dudes, The Grill gets Sarah King

7. Basketball court resurface update: Steve will touch base with Shane since we have not heard from the company about a work start date yet.

9. FBAA fields update: Jason said things are mostly going well in a recent email.

10. Parks Employee info and update: Leigh has gotten started and has been checking in with Kelly via email about things that need attention. The sand at Memorial looks good!

11. Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chad seconded the motion. The motion passed at 6:50

Next meeting dates: June 7th @ 5:00pm & June 26th @ 5:00pm