

Lakeville Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
Remote Location
Monday, June 15, 2020@ 6:30pm

Members Present: Mike Nolan, Joe Coscia, Jesse Medford, Scott Holmes

Other Attendees: Franklin Moniz (DPW Director), Neli Woodburn (Clerk),

Chairman Holmes opened the meeting at 6:35pm. LakeCam was recording and live streaming the meeting via Facebook. Chairman Holmes read an introduction regarding the need for a remote meeting and how a remote meeting will be conducted. Roll call attendance was completed; Commissioner Bradley was not in attendance. No additional speakers were scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW / APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

There were no meeting minutes available for review.

LPL/SEM UPDATES:

(Reopen discussion) There was no information on the reopening of Loon Pond Lodge (LPL) at this time.

(General updates) Commissioner Nolan confirmed the LPL is set up for Town elections. The Town will be handling cleaning/sanitizing of the Lodge after elections are completed.

TWC UPDATES:

Commissioner Nolan confirmed the drainage project (at the karate studio lot) is now completed. He thanked Chairman Holmes for his help in closing off the parking lot during this time. Paving of the lot is scheduled for the 2nd or 3rd week of July. The second drainage project (at the soccer parking lot) is underway. Commissioner Nolan questioned why the drainage ditch was so far out into the parking lot instead of closer to the Police Station building. He will contact the DPW Director to discuss. Chairman Holmes also noted the location of the ditch into the parking lot. An estimated 30 parking spaces will be lost with this construction. Mowing is going on schedule at this time. Irrigation scheduling was adjusted due to the recent dry conditions.

(Field/court openings) Skate Park is now open with a sign stating the regulated amount of people for the area. Horseshoes and Pickelball have begun their seasons. Basketball courts remain closed at this time and the Park Commission was directed to take action to stop visitors from playing. The nets were zip tied together to deter playing; but by the afternoon the ties were cut with a group playing. The volleyball group cleaned the area; however they are unable to play during this phase. Volleyball was not specifically listed so Commissioner Nolan suggested clarifying if they are allowed. Both volleyball groups believed they were able to begin play during the current phase. Chairman Holmes emphasized volleyball was not listed as a non-contact sport, so clarification will be needed. Commissioner Nolan will follow up. Chairman Holmes will be meeting with the Giants (AAU) team representative to review their field use request. The Commission Clerk confirmed the group did previously provide a check for field use, but it was not deposited due to quarantine occurring. Chairman Holmes was also in contact with the Freetown-Lakeville Athletic Association who provided a schedule for practices.

Chairman Holmes would like to proactively reach out to other AAU teams for any field use requests. Commissioner Nolan noted someone was asking when the basketball courts would be open; Chairman Holmes stated when the regulations from the Governor allow it. Another comment was noted: how is flag football allowed. Chairman Holmes asked for further information to be sent as this is not allowed under the current regulations.

JPP UPDATES:

(Field openings) Mass Drifters begin practices this evening; 6 days a week on field 3 which will not interfere with other groups. Commissioner Coscia has prepared John Paun Park (JPP) for the team, and has a portable restroom being delivered the next day. The bathroom unit will be closed and possibly open in phase 3.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS TO REVIEW:

There were no updates for Clear Pond Park (CPP) since it is closed for the season. Chairman Holmes would like to have the highway department still mow the area; Commissioner Nolan will reach out. Additionally, material for the JPP parking lot was reviewed. If it is purchased, the Highway Department will spread it out.

MOTION by Joe Coscia: To purchase the parking lot material totaling \$200. Seconded by Mike Nolan

Roll Call Vote: Joe Coscia – aye, Mike Nolan – aye, Jesse Medford – aye;

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Nolan will update the Highway Department of this decision.

All the water is now running at TWC. Any needed repairs were completed by the Highway Department.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE:

(Any new correspondence) The Commission Clerk recently received correspondence in regards to the tennis courts. Chairman Holmes responded via email and Commissioner Nolan called the person to discuss. This correspondence was not included with the meeting documents since it was received after posting. Commissioner Nolan read the correspondence which reviewed use of the tennis courts and the current set up of all Pickelball lines painted. It was confirmed the group painted Pickelball lines on court #1 which was not permitted. The group was informed last year they were only to use courts #2 and #3. Chairman Holmes asked for the current Pickelball schedule. The Commission Clerk confirmed the contract for the tennis court use states court #2 and #3; the schedule was also provided. The group has requested a fee reduction for the season. Chairman Holmes will be asking the group to paint the tennis lines back since it was not approved. Commissioner Nolan confirmed the group is utilizing all three courts at this time which is a violation of their contract. He provided pictures of the courts for review of the work completed. It was noted the cracks in the courts were filled by the group; however, fill was only completed until the Pickelball lines. The rest of the crack remained unrepaired. Commissioner Nolan noted the area was not in good condition and recommended getting it repaired sooner than expected. Chairman Holmes recalled the Commission previously approved the purchase of paint for the tennis courts; if this is still agreed, he will purchase the paint and complete the work as needed. A repair to the tennis courts is on the Capital Plan; however, this work is typically pushed off due to financial concerns. Commissioner Nolan noted the lines for

tennis are nearly gone and the green painted areas for Pickleball cover the serve area for tennis. Chairman Holmes reviewed the decision last year for the courts; #3 was approved to be painted, #2 to be dashed, #1 to remain tennis only. A representative from the Pickleball group was expected to attend, however they were not available for the meeting. Commissioner Coscia recommended closing the tennis courts until repairs can be made. He also wants the Pickleball group to repaint the courts to the approved specifications. Commissioner Nolan was informed by a representative of the group, they would be socially distancing by using the two end courts. However, all three courts area being used.

MOTION by Mike Nolan: Deny the requested price reduction for the Pickleball group; price of \$20 per person for the 2020 season remains.
Seconded by Jesse Medford

Roll Call Vote: Joe Coscia – aye, Mike Nolan – aye, Jesse Medford – aye;

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Nolan reviewed the contract details of the group only allowed on two courts. Chairman Holmes stated the group can be reminded and asked when they will repaint the courts to correct the error; court #1 to return to tennis only and court #2 as a dual court. The scheduled time for the group was reviewed: Mon/Wed/Fri 8am to noon, Wed/Fri 6pm to dusk, Sat 8am to noon. Commissioner Nolan requests having a Pickleball representative attend a meeting to further discuss. No roster was received from the group. Commissioner Coscia suggested having a season start and end date on the contracts.

Commissioner Nolan was contacted by the DPW Director via phone asking if he is needed on the meeting. Chairman Holmes would like an update on the drainage projects at TWC. Commissioner Nolan will respond.

ANY NEW BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

There was no further new business to present.

ITEMS FROM THE CLERK

CLERK UPDATES:

(Move of office) The Commission Clerk is moving from Town Hall to the TWC office building. She noted the phone at TWC was not working, but was able to utilize the phone from Town Hall. This will leave only one working number for the Commission. A mail drop box at TWC was also suggested. Chairman Holmes noted adding a mail drop at the TWC office has been discussed. A mail slot in the door will help keep any items private and secure. Commissioner Coscia suggested having a sign on the building to designate it more efficiently. There is a sign, but it lacks detail. Chairman Holmes offered to purchase a new phone for the office as well as a sign if approved. He stated additional “No Trespassing” signs are needed. He was informed of an individual swimming at Clear Pond Park even though it is closed to the public. Also, ‘No Swimming’ signs are needed at TWC. Chairman Holmes further explained any expenses which are covid related are entitled for reimbursement; for example the signs purchased would be considered a covid expense.

MOTION by Jesse Medford: Allot up to \$200 for the mentioned purchases for the Park Commission. Seconded by Joe Coscia

Roll Call Vote: Joe Coscia – aye, Mike Nolan – aye, Jesse Medford – aye;

MOTION PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chairman Holmes stated the basketball hoops were zip tied again. If the closed status is not adhered to, next steps would be to attempt to chain the hoops, and if all options are exhausted the hoops will be removed.

The Building Commissioner will need to be contacted to update the heating system at the TWC office building.

DPW Director, Franklin Moniz, was now in attendance on the meeting. He felt the work completed on the drainage project was very good. Recent rain showed the new drainage to be working in the area. The paving is schedule for the week of July 13th. The second area for drainage is currently ongoing. Commissioner Coscia updated Mr. Moniz on the approved material for JPP. The Highway Department will handle ordering this material. Commissioner Nolan mentioned his concern about the location of the drainage at the soccer area to Mr. Moniz. This location is according to the plans. A barrier will be constructed with telephone poles to help ensure the ditch is avoided. Commissioner Coscia presented the mentioned work at CPP which Highway may be able to handle. Mr. Moniz will look at the area to determine if the work can be completed. He also suggested doing a walk through the area to evaluate any other work needed. Chairman Holmes appreciated the work and communication with the Highway Department. Mr. Moniz felt once the posted position for the parks is filled work can begin on projects needed. Mr. Moniz left the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Nolan inquired if meetings could resume at the LPL. Commissioner Medford referenced an email regarding no specific timeframe to resume in person meetings; Chairman Holmes will reach out to Town Hall to confirm.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2020 @ 6:30pm via remote access.

Chairman Holmes provided an update on the reported flag football at TWC. It was being played beside the MMA studio. Chairman Holmes emphasized football is not approved at this time.

MOTION by Joe Coscia: Adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jesse Medford

Roll Call Vote: Joe Coscia – aye, Mike Nolan – aye, Jesse Medford – aye;

MOTION PASSED

*****Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm*****