

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department
Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2025
Zoom Only

Attendees: Annee Jobin Picard, Ruth Casey, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Carmine Centrella, Mary Brennan-Centrella, Andrea Carbone

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM

Approve meeting minutes from December 2024, and January 2025

Motion, Ruth C. 2nd Michael S.

Approved

Financial Report

Discussion reviewing spending plan items and available funds and recent donations to the Rec Department. Ruth C. will have a spreadsheet available for the next ILM Rec Dept. meeting.

Review ILM Select Board Meeting/ILM Rec Department Budget Items

Ruth C. reported on the meeting. Of note is the Select Board agreement that certain large ticket items and maintenance of parks should be a Town expense and not part of the Rec Dept. budget, e.g., mulching for the two playgrounds. The Rec Dept. budget will be adjusted pending the final determination regarding what is a Rec Dept expense and a Town expense.

Recreation Department Members & Volunteers

Discussion regarding the need for formal members of the Rec Dept, as well as volunteers who may not be willing or able to be Rec Dept members. Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up and tearing down of Rec Dept events.

Further discussion regarding who could be “members” of the Isle LaMotte Recreation Department and associated duties with a need for formal adoption of certain positions such as ILM Rec Dept Secretary. Carmine C. was queried if he would be willing to assume the formal position of ILM Rec Dept Secretary, responding in the affirmative.

Motion to Approve Carmine Centrella as Isle LaMotte Recreation Department Secretary:

Motion Ruth C. 2nd Anne Jobin Picard

Approved

G Drive Training

The ILM Rec Dept will receive training regarding the use of Google Drive for Town business. Training will be virtual and coordinated by Andrea C.

New Town Email Addresses

The ILM Rec Dept has been assigned a new email address for business use:

Recreation@islelamotte.gov

The current Gmail account used by the Rec Dept will be forwarded to the new .gov address.

Rec Department Activities

Review of recent "Paint & Steep" session; Anne J-P. reported it went well.

Review of upcoming activity for an information session regarding the ILM Lighthouse. Andrea C. will follow up with lighthouse owner (Rob) in final preparation for a virtual session in March. A physical tour will be planned for the upcoming summer season. RSVP will be needed to assist with session planning.

Review of upcoming "Container Gardening" workshop on Sunday February 9th at 2PM.

Use of ILM Town Hall community room was reviewed. Andrea C. stated there should be at least four tables left set up to aid in room use without having to set up tables every time the room is used. Tables can be pushed aside when not in use or needed. The Town will be developing policy regarding use of room. ILM Rec Dept members were reminded that when a key is needed for accessing the community room, one must follow up with the ILM Town Clerk to sign out the key.

Andrea C. has set up two bins of Rec Dept supplies for event use. Bins are clearly marked and stored in ILM kitchen storeroom.

Discussed last indoor event of the season for an April cornhole tournament in the Community Room. Logistics to follow.

Grants

Andrea C. is working on a spreadsheet to track Rec Dept grant applications and status. Any grant, such as the AARP grant, which relies on federal funding, is up in the air due to recent actions at the Executive level/administration of US government.

A walking path at the ILM Veterans Park was reviewed. Andrea C. will reach out to more contractors for project bids. Michael S. will assist Andrea as needed. Andrea will send Scope of Work to Michael to follow up.

Reviewed an ILM tree program for Earth Day 2025. The program includes distribution of seedlings to ILM children (must be accompanied by parent) for community planting. There is potential to partner with ILMCO and the ILM Library.

Recreation Department Wish List Program

Discussed setting up a wish list program on ILM Town website for people to donate goods or funds to the ILM Rec Dept.

Wiffle Ball

Reviewed possibilities of establishing a weekly schedule for pick-up wiffle ball at Veterans Park. No action taken at this time.

Motion to adjourn meeting, Ruth C., 2nd Carmine C.
Meeting Adjourned 10:44 AM

Respectfully Submitted
Carmine Centrella, Secretary
Isle LaMotte Recreation Department