

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

Meeting called to order: 10:04 AM

Attendees: Ruth Casey, Anne Jobin Picard, Andrea Carbone. Carmine Centrella,  
Mary Brennan-Centrella

Approve Recreation Department minutes from Feb 8, 2025, meeting  
Motion: Andrea Carbone; 2nd Ruth Casey - Approved

Financial report – Ruth Casey

Report on recent expenses – 9,500.00 balance. Ruth C. continues working on budget items  
Town will contribute \$350.00 for playground and park mulch paid upon presentation of  
receipt

Discussion regarding donations; Rec Dept should go ahead and spend those funds to  
offset event costs

G drive

All Isle LaMotte sharable Town documents will be moved to Share Point with ILM adoption  
of .gov domain. Townwide training will take place for all Town departments some point in  
the near future.

Container Gardening event well attended. Anne P. reminded members that the intent of  
Rec Dept. winter events is to get folks out and engaged.

Lighthouse luncheon (March 15<sup>th</sup>) 19 registrations. Andrea C. will have the room key and set  
up room with Rob Clark at 10AM. Donation jar will be present for Rec Dept. Discussion  
regarding the Rec Dept giving Rob Clark a donation for the lighthouse.

Earth Day – 50 trees have been reserved for proposed Isle LaMotte neighbor tree event. Tree  
drop off happen sometime after event registration closes on the weekend of March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
This would be part of a Spring related event in lieu of no Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Egg hunt – Lockerby's do not have the time this year to prepare for the event. IT does  
not seem likely that there will be sufficient volunteers to take on the worked needed to  
prepare Easter Eggs and hide them at the Verterans Park. Additionally, snow covered  
grounds may not make it conducive for a hunt. Last year's event had 30+ children "egg  
hunters" with approximately 1,500 eggs. Given the unknowns it was decided to cancel the  
Easter Egg event for 2025.

Discussion regarding a family day in the Park during "Music in the Park" event or smaller  
music event. The event will be on the agenda for April Rec Dept. meeting.

Perennial Exchange – Idea suggested to Anne JP. Discussion of potential event during the  
season spring vs. fall. Andrea C. will follow up with Robin Martin who suggested the event.

T-Ball, wiffle ball, softball – tabled. Isle LaMotte has taken part in advertising little league and T-ball for Grand Isle County. Wiffle Ball Sunday(s) follow up is needed.

Activity/Event spreadsheet – removed from agenda

The AARP Grant application has been submitted by Andrea C. The grant is capped at \$25,000 for this year. ILM Rec Dept will need to fund balance of the project if approved and awarded.

Cornhole – Discussion regarding using the Town Hall community room for cornhole for a winter event 2025. Investigation needed for all weather cornhole boards for Verterans Park use.

Veterans Park set up of nets/equipment placed on Rec Dept. April agenda.

Veterans Park clean-up will be part of Town expense/responsibility.

Discussion about honoring Len Miraldi at Park.

Action Items:

- Andrea C. to communicate with Michael Simanskas about arranging mulch delivery and submitting paperwork for the \$350 PACIF grant by the end of April.
- Anne JP to email the Rec Department with potential dates for the family music night with Kathy Simanskas' s brother.
- Andrea C. to discuss the perennial exchange idea with Robin Martin and report back to the committee.
- Michael Simanskas to follow up on wiffle ball equipment purchase and logistics for Sunday games.
- Anne JP to research outdoor cornhole options and share findings via Rec Department email.
- Andrea C. to send out the Front Porch Forum login information to committee members.
- Anne JP to reach out to Laura from Age Well about structuring a walking club.
- Andrea C. to prepare a lighthouse-themed thank you card for Rob.
- Rec Department to discuss spring park setup at the April meeting.
- Committee to consider purchasing an outdoor bench in memory of Len Miraldi at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn Carmine Centrella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea Carbone - 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted  
Carmine Centrella, Secretary  
Isle LaMotte Recreation Department