

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department
Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2025
Zoom Only

Meeting called to order: 10:02 AM

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

Approve Recreation Department minutes from Mar 8, 2025, meeting.

Motion: Ruth Casey; 2nd Carmine Centrella - Approved

Financial report – Ruth Casey

Report on recent expenses – balance \$9,536.00. Adjustment made for Town payment of mulch for playgrounds. Ruth C. continues working on budget items with Mary Labrecque, ILM Treasurer.

Swing Set Mulching

Mulch for park swing set has been delivered; the mulch will need to be spread. Andrea C. will create a poster for a community volunteer day to aid in the project.

Miraldi Plaque

Discussion regarding a memorial/acknowledgement plaque for Len Miraldi at Veterans Park. Ruth C. will provide details on wording, size, and cost. Discussion regarding presentation as a casual Rec Dept. event.

Equipment Donation(s)

Dick's Sporting Goods has donated a \$50.00 gift card as well as a few hundred 20% off coupons for the purchase of equipment for the Rec Dept.

2025 Newsletter

Ruth C. will develop a newsletter for 2025 Rec Dept. events. Newsletter will be posted to the ILM website and Town Hall locations.

Park Swing Set Project

Discussion regarding Veterans Park swing set. Andrea C. drafted a Scope of Work with M. Simanskas to include site work, drainage, and mulch installation. The cost of the project is anticipated to be approximately \$10,000.00.

Rec Dept Equipment

Discussion regarding how best to make equipment available for use at Veterans Park facilities. Balls for use at the park have been left out in the open with no issue, however lock box for pickleball and other equipment easily tampered with. Rec Dept will continue to review options for how best to make equipment available to the public, especially on weekends when the Town Hall would not be open to the public for distribution.

Park Regulations

Brief review of public posting of park regulations. The primary focus is on protecting pickleball court from wheeled vehicles.

Activities Report

- The ILM Lighthouse presentation was well attended with approximately fifty attendees. Rec Dept is still planning on a summer tour of the lighthouse. Andrea C. will follow up with Rob Clark.
- Earth/tree day – There has been sixty-five responses from Grand Isle County families regarding taking advantage of receiving and planting a tree. Trees scheduled to be delivered in the week of April 14th. Donations have been made for snacks and drinks and some minor planting materials. Andrea C. will be following up with tree distribution logistics.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Islands in the Sun is advertising an Easter Egg Hunt for Alburgh – Isle LaMotte communities in Alburgh. Andrea C. will follow up with Islands in the Sun for details and if ILM can assist with promotion of event. ILM Rec Dept is not conducting an Easter Egg event on ILM this year.
- Perennial Swap – Andrea C. has been in communication with Robin Martin regarding setting up a date, location, and time for an ILM perennial swap event. The potential date is May 18th from 1 pm to 2 pm. Andrea C. will create a poster and a blurb for the event.
- T-ball, Wiffle ball – Tabled.
- Cornhole – Reviewed options for getting cornhole boards in the park. All weather options such as a granite top and composite base discussed and if there would be a need to secure the boards to prevent theft. This option is priced at \$1,700.00. A Go-Fund Me campaign was discussed to finance this and other projects such as this as well as refurbishing the park's horseshoe pits and ball field pending Selectboard approval of Go Fund Me use.
- Adaptive Swing
- Discussion on assorted options for an accessibility adaptive swing at the playgrounds swing sets. The swing set project would be completed prior to adaptive swing installation.
- Music in the Park – Motion made for the ILM Recreation Department to support the Isle LaMotte Community Organization (ILMCO) event “Music in the Park” on July 19, 2025.
- Andrea Carbone motion; Carmine Centrella 2nd. Approved

Vermont Electric Community Grant

Discussed the VECG quarterly grant of \$1,000.00. The Rec Dept would need to assign a project to take advantage of the grant.

Motion made by Anne Jobin-Picard to assign the adaptive swing project to the grant; Ruth Casey 2nd. Approved

AARP Grant

Review of the status of the AARP grant for a walking trail at Veterans Park. No announcement has been made. Given the match requirement this grant would require a fund-raising campaign to complete the project.

IPA Grant

Denied

Other Business

Anne JP requested that the May Rec Dept meeting start at 8 am due to her work schedule.

Motion made to adjourn – Mary Brennan-Centrella, Ruth Casey 2nd.

Respectfully submitted.

Carmine Centrella, Secretary
Isle LaMotte Recreation Department