

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department  
Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2025

Zoom Only Attendees: Anne Jobin-Picard, Ruth Casey, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Carmine Centrella, Mary Brennan-Centrella

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Approve meeting minutes from May 2025

Motion, Ruth C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carmine C.

Approved

**Financial Report**

Ruth C. reported that the balance for the Recreation Department is approximately \$8,889. The Rec Dept awaits reimbursement of \$585 from the Town for purchase of mulch for swings at the playscape.

**Flags**

On behalf of ILMCO, Michael S. requested a donation of \$225 from the Rec Dept to purchase and install a set of American and Canadian flags at the Veterans Park in keeping with the flag display in the Town center and isle entry way.

Motion, Carmine C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne J-P

Approved

**Project Review**

**Mulch**

Mulch for the Town Hall play set has been partially spread. The Rec Dept will need another day to complete the work. Michael S. will send out a notice for a work day.

**T-Ball at Veterans Park**

Michael S. met with Dylan Degree from YOGI LL to assess field and overall status. The Rec Dept will need to develop a budget for any repairs/upgrades for the 2026 Town budget.

**Veterans Park Swing Set**

The project cost needs to be added to the 2026 Rec Dept budget request.

**Adaptive Swing**

No discussion/action taken.

#### Newsletter

Ruth C. completed work on the newsletter. She requested that any final edits be sent to her no later than Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Recreation Department – Len Miraldi Celebration

Ruth C. reported that the plaque honoring Len Miraldi has arrived. She will coordinate a date and logistics for a low-key event with Laura Miraldi. Anne J-P. will provide snacks.

#### Recreation Department Equipment Locker

No discussion/action taken

#### Park Regulations Signage

Ruth C. will follow up with Andrea C. to have signs installed on the gates to the pickleball court.

### **Recreation Department Activities**

#### Perennial Swap

The Perennial Swap went well. Anne J-P suggested the Rec Dept hold another pop-up in the Fall.

#### Cornhole – Veterans Park

This item needs to be part of the 2026 Rec Dept budget request.

#### Wiffle Ball

Anne J-P suggested the Rec Dept move forward with picking a date and sending out a notice for folks to participate vs. sending notices to try and gauge interest. All agreed. Any equipment needs for wiffle ball can be purchased through Dick's Sporting Goods using donated coupons. Michael S. will follow up. Anne J-P. can provide snacks for the day.

#### Aging Well

No action – Anne J-P will follow up with date and event logistics.

#### Collaboration – Island Arts

The Rec Dept is collaborating with Island Arts to host the Pluckers November 8, 2025. Anne J-P. will coordinate a meeting with Judy Steacy from Island Arts for final logistics and information.

#### ILM Lighthouse Tour

Discussed the continued interest in a tour of the Isle LaMotte lighthouse. Anne J-P. will up with Rob Clark to determine a date and assistance needed with parking and other logistics. ILMCO may be a source for event volunteers.

#### iPhone Photography Class

Discussed the potential that the ILM Town Office/Community Room may not be available due to water damage. Anne J-P. will contact the Goodsell Preserve to see if their barn is available. Anne J-P. will follow up with logistics.

#### Book Group

Anne J-P. reported that the initial meeting of a book club with interested residents took place went well with eight participants.

#### Missisquoi Friends & Lake Champlain Basin Program

No action - tabled

#### Sons of the American Revolution

No discussion/action taken.

#### AARP Grant

Tabled.

#### ILMCO Music in the Park

Music in the Park will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Rec Dept volunteers will assist where they can.

Michael S. mentioned ILMCO has a google sign up sheet for those interested. Michael and Kathy S. will follow up with any specific requests.

#### Third Thursday Music

Discussion regarding a music event with Kathy S.'s brother as the Rec Dept did last year and potential difficulty scheduled the event for the Rec Dept Third Thursday. Anne J-P suggested we accept any date that works for Kathy's brother. All agreed. Kathy S. will follow up.

### **New Business**

#### Outdoor Bingo

Anne J-P. requested the Rec Dept put this on the July 2025 Rec Dept meeting agenda.

#### Thera Pets, Inc.

Anne J-P reported on a future event with Thera Pets from Peru NY scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Thera Pets uses miniature donkeys and other small animals as pet therapy animals. Anne J-P. will coordinate and requested this be a Rec Dept agenda item for July 2025.

Michael S. has reinstalled the volleyball net at Veterans Park.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:24AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carmine Centrella, Secretary

Isle LaMotte Recreation Department

MEETING DATE	ACTION/STATUS	
	<i>topic</i>	<i>current status</i>
6/14/25	iPhone Class Logistics	Anne J-P. will contact Goodsell for barn use if ILM community room is unavailable.
6/14/25	Age Well	Anne J-P. will follow up
6/14/25	Thera Pets	Anne J-P coordinating logistics
6/14/25	ILMCO Music in the Park	Michael and Kathy S. will follow up with any specific requests
5/10/25- 6/14/25	Mulch at Town Office Swings	Work partially completed, balance pending. 2 <sup>nd</sup> work day needed. Michael will coordinate
5/10/25 – 6/14/25	Baseball Field	Michael to meet with Dylan Degree to assess field. Michael met with Dylan – add to 2026 budget
5/10/25	2026 Budget – tracking for fall	Items to track for inclusion in next budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- funding for insurance required renovation of swing set at Veterans Park</li> <li>- cornhole set</li> <li>- equipment locker for park</li> <li>- Ball field upgrades</li> </ul>
5/10/25 6/14/25	2025 Newsletter	Anne and Ruth to complete for posting. Completed
6/14/25	Wiffle Ball	Michael will work on setting a date. Anne J-P will provide snacks
5/10/25	Sons of the American Revolution	Follow up with Andrew Whipple in fall about their interest in a program at the community room.
4/12/25 – 6/14/25	Celebration Day	Coordinate a day this summer to celebrate Len Miraldi. Ruth C. will coordinate with Laura Miraldi. Anne J-P to provide snacks
4/12/25	VEC Grant	Andrea to apply for grant to partially fund the purchase of an adaptive swing for the Town.