

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2025

Zoom Only Attendees: Anne Jobin-Picard, Ruth Casey, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Carmine Centrella, Mary Brennan-Centrella, Laura Miraldi, Andrea Carbone.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Approve meeting minutes from October 4, 2025

Motion, Ruth C. 2nd Laura M.

Approved

Financial Report

Ruth C. reported a balance of \$8072.47.

Brief discussion regarding the timing of when the Rec Dept receives its funding for the year.

The 2025 appropriation from Isle LaMotte budget will be transferred into the Recreation Department account. Only outstanding expenses are reimbursements for the 11-8 music event. Ruth reports that any remaining 2025 funds will be rolled over into 2026.

Isle LaMotte Selectboard

Ruth reports she presented the latest financial report and reviewed the 2026 Recreation Department budget request with the ILM Selectboard. She did not pursue inquiry from the Recreation Department to the Selectboard about ongoing Veterans Park maintenance responsibilities and any cost sharing. These items can be covered at future Selectboard meetings. Carmine and Michael will work together regarding the most appropriate course for follow-up with the Selectboard regarding outstanding items.

250th Celebration

Brief discussion regarding the island wide team approach coordinating celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the US Declaration of Independence.

Recreation Department Activities/Roles and Responsibilities

Extensive discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities taken up by Recreation Department committee members and volunteers. Concern was expressed about overwhelming individuals and the need to expand the official Recreation Department committee members (currently Ruth C. Anne JP, and Carmine C). Andrea C. suggested there be an effort to have at least one person assist, where appropriate, any single individual who may be coordinating a Recreation Department event. This assistance would assume some of the work or planning activities and monitor the Recreation Department emails on a more regular basis in the hopes of easing the burden usually carried by just one person. Carmine C. volunteered to assist in managing email traffic and Andrea C. will follow up to get him access to the Recreation Department account.

Paint & Steep

Anne JP continues to coordinate another Paint & Steep event for some time in February of 2026.

Senior Savy Fair

Anne JP states the Senior Savy Fair & Ice Cream Social went well and was well received by attendees.

Book Club

Anne JP reports that the sessions continue to go well and now includes a homebound individual.

Winter Game Night

The Recreation Department will have to cancel this event due to lack of volunteers to help. The Recreation Department committee will consider if there is another opportunity to bring folks together during the winter months.

Island Railroads

Looking at this event for the spring of 2026.

Bone Builders

Anne JP has received Bone Builders training and has been attending sessions in St. Albans. Brief discussion was had regarding the forms required for session participants especially the requirement for a physician sign off for participation. Anne JP will follow up about process and form requirements.

Action Items

Bike Repair Station

No action taken. Anne invited ILM Recreation Department members/volunteers to visit the bike station at Rouses Point Civic Center. Brief discussion regarding the positive impact of providing this type of service on the island for cyclists.

Winter Place Making Grant - AARP

Andrea C again reminded the Committee about the need to start planning as soon as possible to have a proposal ready once the grant application period opens. A small team working on any proposal may prove to be beneficial.

Building Community Grant

Andrea C reports this must be a shovel ready project. Looking at next year.

Anne JP has set up a grant resources Zoom call during the morning of Tuesday November 11th. It is hoped this type of resource can assist the Recreation Department with future grant identification and applications.

Meeting Adjournment 9:15AM

Motion Ruth C. 2nd Carmine

Respectfully submitted,

Carmine Centrella, Secretary

Isle LaMotte Recreation Department

MEETING DATE	ACTION/STATUS	
	<i>topic</i>	<i>current status</i>
11-8-2025	2026 Budget	Carmine C. & Michael S. will work together on a strategy for the best approach to the ILM Selectboard regarding shared responsibilities and costs
11-8-2025	Email assistance	Andrea C. will work on granting Carmine C. access to monitor Rec Dept emails.
10/4/2025	Veterans Park Swing Set	Carmine C will develop survey for ILM residents regarding public desires for the park
10/4/2025	Paint & Steep	Anne JP will follow up on a date after the holidays
10/4/2025	Island Railroads	Carmine & Mary C will follow up on presentation for 2026 on the history of the railroads in the Islands
10/4/2025 11-8-2025	Winter Place Making Grant	Mike & Kathy S will liaison with ILMCO for collaboration on project. Rec Dept needs to decide on how best to move forward with grant application planning