

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department

Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2026

Zoom Only Attendees: Anne Jobin-Picard, Ruth Casey, Andrea Carbone, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Carmine Centrella, Nancy Dulude, Laura Miraldi, Ivy Krezinski.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Approve meeting minutes from December 13, 2025

Motion, Ruth C. 2nd Carmine C.

Approved

Addition to Agenda

Ruth C. initiated discussion regarding adding security cameras to public areas at Veterans Park and the Town Hall playscape citing safety and vandalism concerns. Discussion included adding in the ILM salt shed if needed and having one system for all. Cost plan would need to be developed.

Financial Report

Ruth C. reported a balance of \$14,021.29. Review of recent donations and if there were any special requests for how to apply those funds. Michael S. stated he was under the impression that the ILM Masonic Lodge donation of \$1,000 was intended to support upgrading the ball field. Donation of \$50 to the ILM Methodist Church for each Rec Dept event was confirmed.

Recreation Department 2025 Annual Report

Ruth C. reported she is drafting the 2025 annual report and summary of activities and accomplishments for the Recreation Department.

Adaptive Swing

Review the latest regarding the Rec Dept acquiring an adaptive swing. The swing would be installed at the Town Hall playscape swing set. The Rec Dept did receive a grant from VT Electric Co-Op for \$900 to purchase and install a swing. Andrea C. will forward associated cost information. The Rec Dept will need to make a final decision on moving forward with an adaptive swing that potential meets the greatest need regarding weight/size capacity.

Isle LaMotte Selectboard

Michael S. developed two documents for consideration by the Rec Dept and ILM Selectboard. The documents outline what needs to be done on an ongoing basis for inspections, equipment maintenance and whose responsibility it is to either do the work, or arrange and pay for the work to be done between either a Town responsibility or one assigned specifically to the Rec Dept.

Recreation Department Projects

Veterans Park Swings

Discussion regarding how best to move forward with the various outstanding projects, or ideas for upgrades/enhancements to Veterans Park. A decision will be needed regarding what to do with the current swing set at the park. The swings have been removed for safety reasons until a decision is made on whether to move forward or not by replacing the swings at the park or just

having the one set at the Town Hall playscape. Michael S. will resend cost information he has for upgrades to the swing set pit area. The slide at Veterans Park was taken down but still remains at the park. The slide should be removed prior to the start of the 2026 spring season.

Further discussion had regarding the need for a multi-year plan to address various projects. All projects. All projects currently under consideration need updated cost information.

Movie License

Continued discussion regarding whether the ILM Rec Dept should invest in obtaining either single use, or annual subscription to show copyrighted movies. Anne J-P. reported that single use license has a cost range of \$75 to \$300 and an annual license costs \$500 to \$1,000. Item tabled to next Rec Dept meeting while more information is gathered.

Veterans Park Pavillion

The Isle LaMotte Community Organization (ILMCO) has received a grant to offset the costs of installing a new/larger pavilion at Veterans Park. ILMCO is planning to have this completed by the July music in the park event and ILMCO would like two Rec Dept members to sit on their pavilion committee. Ruth C. and Carmine C. both volunteered to sit on the committee. Michael S. will forward that information to ILMCO.

Walking Path – Veterans Park

Review and discussed the status of a plan to install a walking path at Veterans Park. The cost estimated is \$50,000 for a one-third mile, 8 ft wide path. Discussed potential narrowing of path to 6 ft to save money. Anne J-P stated we would be in a better position for grant and project success with assistance from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC). More prep work is needed, and Andrea C. will resend grant potential options, and the better idea would be to set a target date of 2027 for the project.

Cornhole and Bocci Ball

Discussion regarding moving forward on all weather cornhole boards and possible installing a bocci ball court. It was felt that the cornhole boards would be a better idea to concentrate on given that a bocci ball court requires grading and proper landscaping for a court to be installed. Concrete cornhole boards were noted to be a more affordable option than granite boards, while still helping to prevent vandalism and theft. Bocci ball decision has been tabled.

Ball Fields

Michael S. reviewed the cost information he had for upgrading the ball field at Veterans Park for use and meeting Grand Isle Little League standards of \$2,000 to \$3,000. This project would need volunteers to complete the project. Michael S. will follow up with Dillion from GILL for updated cost information for Rec Dept consideration on moving forward.

Town Hall Walking Trail

Discussion had regarding the need to clean up the walking trail at the Town Hall. Anne J-P did not hear back from FPF post regarding assistance from a local "Scout" troop. The trail needs to be cleared, stone added in certain spots and rake out. It was decided that at the April Rec Dept meeting the trail would be an opportunity for the Rec Dept to walk the trail as a group to aid in making a final decision on best to move forward.

Recreation Department Activities

Book Club

Anne JP reports that the sessions continue to go well.

Paint and Steep

Anne JP will coordinate logistics for the Paint & Steep event with Ivy K. Ivy K. estimates a cost of \$150 for supplies which the Rec Dept will pay. Andrea C. is exploring a potential grant opportunity.

Mark Shelton Music Event

Anne JP reported that The Rec Dept could possibly get Mark Shelton to perform for an ILM music event at the end of the summer before he returns to the South. Anne JP will continue to follow up with event planning.

Bone Builders

Anne JP has a Bone Builder session today (Jan 10th) at the Alburgh Library.

VT State Parks Talk

Anne JP has coordinated a talk to be given April 11th at 10 AM by a representative from the VT State Parks.

Jam Session

Anne JP initiated a discussion regarding a “jam session” with local artist some time this upcoming Rec Dept season. It could be held at the Goodsell Barn if the Community Room at the Town Hall is still undergoing repairs.

Action Items

Grant Resources

Andrea C. will resend the link to the grant resources Zoom/workshop meeting. Carmine C. will post a request for grant writing/management assistance on Front Porch Forum.

Meeting Adjourned 9:22 AM

Carmine C. motion, 2nd Ruth C.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmine Centrella, Secretary

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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. No change
11-8-2025	Email assistance	Andrea C. will work on granting Carmine C. access to monitor Rec Dept emails. Yet to be done.
10/4/2025	Veterans Park opportunities	Carmine C will develop survey for ILM residents regarding public desires for the park. Yet to be done.
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 12-13-2025	Winter Place Making Grant	Mike & Kathy S will liaison with ILMCO for collaboration on project. Nothing to add. Rec Dept needs to decide on how best to move forward with grant application planning, CJC will post for assistance on FPF and Face Book.
12-13-2025	Town Hall Walking Path	Anne JP will reach out to local Scouts to see if there is an interest in an Adopt a Trail approach to cleanup and maintenance of the walking path behind the Town Hall. No response
12-13-2025	Movie Night – Film License	Anne JP will follow up with