

Town of Isle LaMotte Recreation Department Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2026

Zoom Only Attendees: Anne Jobin-Picard, Ruth Casey, Andrea Carbone, Mike Simanskas, Kathy Simanskas, Carmine Centrella, Mary Brennan-Centrella, Laura Miraldi, Ivy Krezinsk, Judy Steacy, Lynn Coales.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Approve meeting minutes from January 10, 2026

Motion, Micheal S. 2nd Carmine C.

Approved

Financial Report

Ruth C. reported no financial activity in the last month, and the Rec Dept retains a balance of \$14,021.49.

Grand Isle Recreation Department is soliciting support either financial or equipment for a new ice rink. Motion CJC 2nd Michael S. for the Isle LaMotte Recreation Department to donate \$250.00 to the Grand Isle ice rink project.

Adaptive Swing

Discussion regarding final decision on purchasing adaptive swing. Andrea C. is waiting for one more estimate to come in from a local installer in Burlington, but consensus is the Rec Dept could manage installing the swing pending any further information. However, a motion was made to submit the information to the ILM Treasurer for purchase.

Motion: Michael S. 2nd Ruth C. Approved

Isle LaMotte Selectboard

Discussion regarding submitting Rec Department documents outlining areas of responsibility for the Veterans Park and Town Hall playscape. Ruth C. requested that maintenance of pickleball court 1 includes the fence and gates. Michael S. will edit documents. Once complete Carmine C. will submit the documents to Donna B. for Selectboard dissemination and putting the Rec Dept on the Selectboard's agenda to review documents and status of park equipment.

Grant Assistance

Lynn Coales was invited to participate in meeting regarding his experience and willingness to assist the Rec Dept with grant writing and management activities. His resume was distributed to the Rec Dept prior to meeting. Discussion regarding the goals and vision of the Rec Dept. The Rec Dept will take information under advisement.

Recreation Department Projects

Veterans Park Swings

Discussion regarding final disposition of swings and slide at Veterans Park. Even though the Rec Dept understands the value of providing recreation options to all ages across a wide range of activities the current swing set is old and needs to be replaced regardless. Given the cost of

preparing the pit area (estimated at \$10,000 +) it was decided to move forward with having the slide and swing set removed with the approval of the ILM Selectboard and revisit an improved set up in the future. Michael S. will follow up directly with Peter Brzozowy on having the equipment removed. Motion: Carmine C. 2nd Laura M. Approved

Barrier Boulders at Veterans Park

Reviewed and discussed potentially increasing the boulders around Veterans Park separating the parking area from the park fields. This was tabled until swing set is removed and the next insurance inspection anticipated for this season.

Isle LaMotte Free Library

Discussion regarding Rec Dept management of the ILM library tabled.

Movie License

Tabled until the fall of 2026.

Veterans Park Pavillion

Discussion regarding status of the project. Potential locations of the new pavilion at Veterans Park reviewed. Two locations were presented: one by the current pavilion, the 2nd in the southwest corner of the park. A third location was introduced in the area of the current swing set.

Walking Path – Veterans Park

No specific action taken. It is anticipated that most of the supporting documents for the AARP grant have already been produced from two previous grant submissions.

Cornhole

Discussion regarding the need for all weather, more substantial cornhole boards to deter vandalism. Granite boards are extremely expensive, Michael S. will continue researching concrete boards. It is anticipated that the boards would be set up where the current horseshoe pits are.

Ball Fields

No action since last meeting. Michael S. will follow up with information for pick-up wiffleball games.

Snowshoes

Snowshoes were donated to the community no further action.

Recreation Department Planning

Discussion tabled

Philanthropy and Fundraising

The Rec Dept will need to advise the Selectboard regarding plans for fundraising and direct requests directly to ILM residents. Carmine C. will ask Donna B. for Selectboard agenda space.

Recreation Department Activities

Book Club

Anne JP reports that the sessions continue to go well.

Paint and Steep

Scheduled for later today (Feb 21st). Anne JP coordinating.

Mark Shelton Music Event

Event ok for September. The Rec Dept will need to review costs for final approval. Andrea C. reports she is submitting a grant to offset the cost of the event.

Bone Builders

Anne JP has a Bone Builder session today (Feb 21st) at the Alburgh Library.

Crafters Drop-in

Tabled

250th Celebration

Discussed and reviewed the “250-mile challenge” with participants self-tracking walking, swimming, biking, and driving, etc. activities to reach 250 miles.

Poetry Reading

Set for March 15, 2026. More to follow Anne JP.

Plant Swap

Tentatively set for May 17, 2026.

Action Items

See included list.

Meeting Adjourned 9:31 AM

Carmine C. motion, 2nd Ruth C.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmine Centrella, Secretary

Isle LaMotte Recreation Department

MEETING DATE	ACTION/STATUS	
	<i>topic</i>	<i>current status</i>
11-8-2025 2-21-2026	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. Carmine C. will forward documents to Donna B. and request Selectboard agenda space.
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	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 2-21-2026	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. Met with potential interested person.
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 initiative for the fall
2-21-2026	Wiffle ball	Michael S. will continue to research needs and schedule
2-21-2026	Veterans Park Swing Set	Michael S. will follow up with Peter B. for Selectboard approval to have the swing set and slide removed from Veterans Park.