

MEMO

TO: Town Council
THROUGH: Tony Plante, Town Manager
FROM: Brian Ross, Parks and Recreation Director *BR*
SUBJECT: Lippman Park Update
DATE: June 17, 2014

This memo is an update on the progress on the improvements and events at Lippman Park.

- The improvements to the entrance road and parking area have been completed this spring by Drew Corporation. See attached photos.
- Eagle Scout candidate Ian Powell completed his Eagle Scout project at the park this spring. He cleared out the area for the group camping area on back side of the pond. He installed a fire pit and constructed a picnic table for the camping area. See attached photos.
- Family Day at Lippman Park was held on Saturday, May 31st. We had our fishing derby, a family scavenger hunt, kayaks to try out and hot dogs for all who stayed till noon time. Mr. Lippman attended and enjoyed seeing the park being used by the Windham families. We had approximately 40-50 people involved in the day's activities.
- We are working with the Sebago Trails Paddling Company to have kayak rentals and lessons at the park this summer. They are located just north of the park on Route 302 and have been very interested in using and promoting the use of Lippman Park.
- We have secured funding and have been working with Curious City to develop a story walk at the park on one of the shorter trails at the park. Curious City is an advocate for Children's literature in the Portland area. Opportunity Alliance had provided the funding for the expenses of developing the signs and design of our story walk at Lippman Park. A story walk is a series of signs featuring sequential spreads from a children's picture book. The book we are using at Lippman Park is called "Bug Safari" by Bob Barner. We are looking at August for the story walk to be completed at Lippman Park.
- Our Recreation Trails Grant has been approved for the construction of the board walk on the back side of the pond and two bridges. The work will begin in late fall by the Maine Conservation Corp. Our share of the grant which is 20% is \$7,000.
- We are working with Time Warner to see if it's feasible to provide internet service at the park. We would want to have the data cable installed along with the electrical lines this summer.

I will be attending the June 24th meeting to present these update and answer any of your question regarding Lippman Park.