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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Jane Mitchell, Molly Baehr, Beth Kikla, Bill Rodier

**ABSENT:** Stephen Luckie

**VISITORS:** Denise Gembusia, Robert Robinson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jane Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:11pm at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building located at 219 Mountain View Road in Mount Holly Springs, PA 17065.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

William Rodier motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Beth Kikla seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. January 17, 2014 Park & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes.**

William Rodier motioned to approve the January 17, 2014 Park & Recreation regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Beth Kikla and passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATUS** - The Park & Recreation fund balance is \$77,761.07.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Nomination of Secretary for 2014.**

Bill Rodier nominated Steve Luckie to continue as Secretary for 2014 after receiving confirmation via phone that he would accept the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Chairperson Jane Mitchell and approved by all.

**2. Updates on skating night and gardening seminar.**

The skating night will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm until 8:30pm at the Midway Skating Center.

The gardening seminar will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00pm until 4:00pm at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building. Annette MaCoy from Penn State Extension will be discussing pollinator-friendly gardens and bees. Handouts advertising the event were distributed. The mobile sign at Stuart Park will be changed to announce this event on Friday, February 21st. A gardening door prize will be chosen and purchased.

3. **Fishing derby updates.**

The 2014 fishing derby is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am until 12:00pm (rain or shine) at the Mount Holly Fish and Game (MHFG) pond. Mr. Robinson renewed his request that the Park and Recreation Committee members solicit donations from the list of past sponsors. The list was previously reviewed and each committee member stated the businesses they were willing to visit. He discussed securing eleven generous contributions to date. Mr. Robinson also covered what he and his MHFG colleagues have completed and what they plan to do in preparation for the event. Mr. Robinson outlined the numerous prizes that will be awarded to the participants. The overall goal of the event is to ensure that no child leaves empty handed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **There are now four (4) vacancies on the Park & Recreation Committee.**

Four vacancies remain on the Park & Recreation Committee. Two committee members have candidates in mind who they will pursue with vigor.

2. **Updates on Stuart Park/Barnitz Mill.**

Mr. David Smith of the Cumberland County Historical Society continues to work on his book concerning the Mills of Cumberland County. Mr. Rodier shared with Mr. Smith the results of his research on the existing Barnitz Mill and surroundings. He took Mr. Smith on a tour of the Barnitz Village area including remnants of all four of the mills once on the site. They also searched (based on Mr. Rodier's research) for the sites of vanished mills up stream of the Barnitz.

3. **Planning of Tree Planting Day 2014.**

Chairwoman Mitchell discussed the tree planting project indicating that bids for the next set of trees will be distributed. Fifty trees of a variety of species have been chosen and will be planted at the next tree planting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm. Six personnel have been trained in planting and caring for the plantings. Volunteers are being sought amongst community groups.

4. **Discussion of purchase of new mobile sign and other possible items.**

Keystone Signs provided a quote of \$2,405.00 in May of 2013 for a mobile sign. The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a mobile sign in 2014, but asked the committee to perform due diligence and secure at least three quotes before making a purchase. Chairwoman Mitchell stated she is in the process of obtaining quotes to be submitted next month.

5. **Next meeting – Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00pm.**

As advertised at the beginning of the year, the next Park & Recreation meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Beth Kikla motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. The motion was seconded by Bill Rodier and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Ignatius Rodier III*

Temporary Secretary