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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING January 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

2023 Chairwoman Quigley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building located at 219 Mountain View Road in Mount Holly Springs, PA 17065.

ROLL CALL

The following were present for the meeting: Julie Quigley, Henry Koch, Ed Rosenberry and Mike Shenk.

VISITORS – Marge Bear, Kimber

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Ed Rosenberry nominated Julie Quigley as Chairwoman for 2024. Mike Shenk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Henry Koch nominated Ed Rosenberry as Vice Chairman for 2024. Mike Shenk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marge Bear will continue to provide the secretarial duties.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ed Rosenberry motioned to approve the agenda. Julie Quigley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Henry Koch motioned to approve the October 23, 2023 minutes. Ed Rosenberry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Kimber expressed interest in serving on the Board. She currently resides in Oregon but is in the process of relocating. She has experience in event planning, grant writing, emergency management, fundraising, etc.

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Financial Report, as prepared by Marge Bear was provided to the Board and acknowledged.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fishing Derby / Founders Day

There was a lengthy discussion on holding an event in the spring, many ideas were shared, logistics were discussed, help needed, etc. The Board agreed to hold a Founder's Day / Flea Market / Family Fun Walk on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The flea market will be held at Stuart Park, along with nature walks at 10 AM, 12 Noon, and 2 PM that will incorporate a scavenger hunt using QR codes that will share historic information, future recreational plans, area businesses, etc. Groups such as the local Anglers Association, Audubon Society, fire company, area businesses and Friends of Barnitz will be invited to participate in the days events. A 5k run/walk will be offered at Lindenwood Park at 11 AM and 2:00 PM the same day to encourage residents to visit both parks and familiarize themselves with the Township area and amenities.

The Board agreed not to hold the fishing derby in the spring, but potentially consider having one in the August / September timeframe, or to incorporate it with the Fall Fest.

Ed Rosenberry offered to provide the historic information that can be used on the trail walks along with questions that will incorporate the area businesses. Mike Shenk offered to be guide on the nature walks at both parks. Julie Quigley will contact Kings Gap Store to see how they may be able to participate in the days events. Staff will work on preparing a flyer to be circulated, as well as getting information on the website and face book page. Kimber will organize the flea market and manage the logistics associated with it. She also offered to provide some nature related crafts for the children.

Mike Shenk expressed interest in organizing and taking lead on a hiking / biking event, possibly on a regular basis throughout areas of the Township. He suggested adding this to the Founder's Day flyer to see if there is interest. He also suggested advertising all of Kings Gap events on the Township website and fakebook page.

Julie Quigley shared information on the Friends of Barnitz Mill group and their efforts to save the Mill and see it be utilized for appropriate activities. Henry Koch suggested once the Mill is stabilized it could be used to hold a farmers market, or winter raffles indoors. He also suggested hooking up the water wheel to generate power.

2. Fall Fest & Winter Activity

The members will a date for the Fall Fest and Winter Activity at the next meeting.

3. Grant Ideas for 2024

The members are in support of the Public Works Directors suggestion of applying for a grant to incorporate Disc Golf at Lindenwood Park. They did not favor the idea of a second pavilion at Stuart Park at this time.

4. <u>Board of Supervisors Workshops</u>

Marge Bear explained that the Board of Supervisors are going to use their first meeting of the month, which is the first Monday of each month, to hold workshops to discuss various topics and to gather

information and hear from the various Township Boards and Commissions, as well as the public on any/all matters of Township interest. Board/Commission Chairpersons are encouraged to attend these workshops in an effort to have all appointed and elected officers, as well as staff, sharing and working together on current and future matters.

OLD BUSINESS None

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Shenk motioned to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Henry Koch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Bear Recording Secretary