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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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, Diane Gill and Glenn Kelso

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ed Rosenberry motioned to approve the agenda. Mike Shenk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Rosenberry motioned to approve the January 22, 2024 minutes. Henry Koch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Kimber said her move to Pennsylvania was successful and she will be submitting her resume to serve as needed.

Julie Quigley mentioned the Friends of Barnitz is always looking for interested persons. She also mentioned that Ron Brehm of SWAP (Seniors with a Purpose) will be sharing information about Barnitz at the Barnitz Church on Friday, March 15 at 10 AM.

FINANCIAL STATUS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Diane Gill – Application to serve on Park & Recreation Board

The members introduced themselves and Diane shared her information and interest in serving on the Board. Chairwoman Quigley requested clarification on what specifically is needed for the interview process before the Board makes a recommendation on Ms. Gills application. The Board agreed they were pleased with Ms. Gill's resume and Chairwoman Quigley shared the importance of being able to make the time commitment needed to serve.

2. Stuart & Lindenwood Park Master Plan

Glenn Kelso, Public Works Director, gave an overview of both parks, what has been done recently, the grants that have been secured, and the importance of planning, maintaining and developing for future needs at both parks.

Lindenwood Park has a 1.1 mile trail and grants have been secured since 2012 for the installation of the trail and tree planting. The trail has been extended for ADA compliance, has been paved, and will be seeded this year. The question of using the vacant lot that is owned by Carlisle School District must be addressed before any major project would begin. A cut and fill plan would be the first priority to determine where the various improvements would be placed.

Stuart Park is a passive park with nature and the creek. The race trail is being installed this year and will be seeded. There was a habitat streambank restoration project completed, a vegetative management project, and 220 trees (of 15-20 different types) that were provided from the Chesapeake Foundation that were planted. The restroom was completed in 2019 and the Master Site Plan was done. The land located on the other side of the creek was mentioned, but it a wet area, in the floodplain and has no access. Kim suggested building some type of viewing structure on the park side that would allow for bird watching on the unused, inaccessible side.

The Board agreed with moving forward with trying to secure grants for projects such as extending the parking lot and adding a handicapped accessible fishing pier at Stuart Park. They agreed with the idea of placing fitness stations next to the trail and installing holes 3 – 9 for disc golf with the native grasses, which are all located on the south side of the parcel.

Chairwoman Quigley questioned if trees could be planted in conjunction with Earth Day.

The Board will continue their discussion at next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Founder's Day – Flea Market

Mike Shenk expressed interest in leading a 30 minute walk at Lindenwood Park on that day at 9 AM and 4 PM. He would like this added as a call box on the flyer and advertise this as an opportunity to meet with the Park & Recreation member, share thoughts on the park use and future planning, and would be pet friendly.

Chairwoman Quigley was in touch with Kings Gap who is willing to have a stand for ice cream or possibly a chicken BBQ. The Board agreed to check with Citizens Fire Company first to see if they are available to provide a food stand before determining what to ask of Kings Gap.

The staff will contact the Chesapeake Bay organization and DCNR to see if they would be available to set up a stand to share information, or provide some animals for educational purposes. The Board agreed not to charge for a space for the flea market. Kimber offered to provide QR codes to gather information throughout the park that day, as well as to get larger posters made for a small fee.

2. Board of Supervisors Workshops

Once the Board of Supervisors determine a schedule for their workshops, the Park & Recreation Board will be invited to one of them to specifically discuss park & recreation matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Shenk motioned to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Henry Koch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Bear
Recording Secretary