

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

**January 16, 2020
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Mike Berk, Tammy Eads, Sam Glesner, John Greenbaum, Duff Manweiler and Jessica Wilson.

Members Absent: Erin Pittman

Public Present: Rob Fulton, Patrick Line, Steven Lubart and Paul Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jessica.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved by Sam and seconded by Tammy. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Election of Officers:

- Chairman – Sam Glesner
- Vice Chairman – Tammy Eads
- Secretary – Mike Berk
- Youth Sports Committee – Sam Glesner & Jessica Wilson

Public Comment:

- Patrick Line was present to discuss his concerns of the new Rail Trail that is being installed next to his property. His main concerns are Parking, Liability, Crime and Privacy. The board agreed to work with Patrick on his issues, and will look into appropriate options. The board did ask that Patrick address his concerns in writing to Jarrett Sweeney.

Sarah noted that we have not really discussed this trail here at the Parks & Recreation Board. A Grant was awarded in the fall of 2019 from Cumberland County Land Partnerships. We have just started the planning process. The plan is to use the original Railroad bed and maintain perimeter trees that already exist.

- Paul Wilson was representing the SMYBA. He addressed their concerns about South View Park and the planting of the trees. (See attached letter). Duff stated that the Board of Supervisors was under the impression that SMYBA were no longer using that field and they will discuss with the MS4 Coordinator at the township before continuing with the tree planting.

Second concern is the drainage at the AAA Field at South Middleton Park. (See attached letter). It was recommended that the SMYBA work with Trever on this drainage issue.

- Steve Lubart is a township resident and was there to express his desire to grow tennis in South Middleton Township. He has already spoken with the School Board on the idea of establishing a tennis team for BSHS. He would like to see our current courts used as a practice court, with the intent to have additional courts constructed. He handed out information on the possibility of getting grants to help fund this project. (See attached). His ultimate goal would be to have a high school team in place for the fall of 2021, thus allowing two summers for building a team. The board is in favor of helping and growing this sport.

Rec Report:

- A lot of things have been happening in the Rec Department. New programs for the Winter/Spring season are in full swing. Our Girls Lil Hoops had a tremendous turn out with 43 1st & 2nd Grade Girls signing up for this program. Hats off to Lizzy Sheaffer and Marisa Elliot on their commitment to this program.
- Our boys and girls basketball program are off and running. We have two new coaches this year for both teams.
- Adult Fitness Programs are booming. We are trying a new class called Pound and we are holding it at the Fire House. We are trying to utilize this building when it's a good fit.
- Fly Tying is another popular program; however it does not have a lot of residents. Most of our participants are non-residents but this is mainly in part that the Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited does their own advertising and draws from all over the East and West Shore.
- The Grinch's Candy Cane Hunt was held on January 4. This is a program that is held in Spring Meadows Park, trying to encourage kids to get outdoors during the winter months. We had 6 great volunteers that were provided to us from BSHS from the National Honor Society and Inner Act Club.
- Donna had a meeting today with Zach Gump, at BSHS to try and work with them on summer scheduling.
- Summer Concert Series – trying something new this year. WE will hold two concerts on Saturday Night and two on Friday Night. The Friday night concerts will include food trucks.
- Sarah is working with the PA State Police to start planning National Night Out. We will be partnering with PSP for this event held the 1st Tuesday of August.
- We have started reaching out to all Youth Sports Organizations for their requests for the upcoming spring season.

Parks Report:

- The Carbine Trail is in. Fencing has been installed along the property lines. Everyone seems happy with this new connection between the school district and Sheeley Lane.
- The backstop at Woodcrafters is on the list to be completed this winter. They are waiting for the ground to freeze so they can get in there with heavy equipment and not mess up the field. The batting cages at South Middleton Park are done. Just need to add the netting in the spring.
- Trever and Trent are scheduled to go to a class to become certified Arborists.

- Trever did mention that he was aware of some of the concerns that Patrick Line had mentioned earlier. There has already been discussion on a parking lot to be installed as well as some type of screening. Their plan is to not disturb too many of the existing trees and wildlife. Just enough to place the trail.

Old/New Business:

- A thank you letter has been received from Kim Herman – Nurse at WG Rice. Thanking us for the donation of gift cards to be used for kids in need.
- A meeting is scheduled for February 11 to kick off the Master Plan for the three parks on Park Drive. We have been waiting for a survey that needed to be completed for JMT to start this project.
- The Grant at Spring Meadows Park for the tot lot and bathroom has been completed.
- The Grant with the LWCF for the change out of splash pad to the adult fitness/playground had been approved.
- Reilly Snyder has completed his Eagle Scout Project of Bench Catalog. He did an outstanding job. We received a flash drive as well as a spreadsheet showing over 70 benches in our parks.
- Trever and Duff will discuss the idea of a Pollinator Garden. A Habitat Group has been formed and is willing to help with this project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Ludwig