

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2019
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Tammy Eads, Jessica Wilson, Erin Pittman and Sam Glesner

Members Absent: Michelle Crowley, Tom Faley and John Greenbaum

Public Present: Andrew Dapkins, John Weidner, Zachary Rodgers, Diane Rodgers and Linda Stone

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Sam.

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

Election of Officers:

- Chairman – Jessica Wilson
- Vice Chairman – Erin Pittman
- Secretary – Tammy Eads

Public Comment:

- John Weidner expressed his concerns regarding foul balls going into traffic on Park Drive from the Woodcrafters Fields. He was informed by Trever that quotes have been requested this week from Beacon to place four poles with retractable netting around the fields to help with this problem. This project should be completed within the 2019 budget year. Trever and his crew will do most of the work, just requiring a crane to set the poles.
- Zachary Rodgers discussed his proposed Eagle Scout Project to place signage containing distance and direction of next basket on the disc golf tees. He showed several examples to the board. Linda Stone, Bubbler Foundation, is working with him and gave some recommendations for the location of the signage. He will come back to the board after further research. The Bubbler Foundation plans to financially support this project.

Rec Report:

- Winter/spring programs are going well. Last week's weather created a lot of rescheduling of programs.
- Someone has approached Donna about running two week long roller derby camps for students in grades 3 thru 8 this summer. There would be two camps, one teaching how to skate and one teaching roller derby. It would be a non-contact sport conducted on the old tennis courts with the pavilion being available for a rain site. Our insurance company indicated that the current coverage would be sufficient. Board members suggested P&R

continue to pursue this for the summer and make sure the instructor has sufficient child/adult ratios and the necessary first-aid training and clearances.

- Playground will be moved to Rice Elementary this summer where the playground is surrounded by a fence for security and will be able to utilize the gym on wet or hot days. It will be offered for children entering 1 thru 6 grades in the fall. Donna will be the site supervisor and will be in attendance each day to supervise the staff. A new registration form has been approved by our solicitor and will be a required for all parents/guardians to complete and return to us prior to the start of playground. Sam feels that these are necessary changes if this program is to continue to be offered.

Parks Report:

- The Spring Meadows playground was completed last fall and they have been working on general maintenance and installation of benches in the parks. There is an Eagle Scout working with Trever to inventory the benches and create a spreadsheet showing their locations.
- The dugouts were replaced at Woodcrafters and they hope to expand to an intermediate/junior field this spring.
- Seven Gables Park will be revamped soon to have the trails widened and stone put down to allow vehicles to travel thru the park for surveillance. State police will evacuate people living in the park and we will have a contracted company clean up the mess left behind. After clean up the state police will patrol the area.
- Bulletproof windows will be installed in the township and P&R offices. There will be some work involved with these projects as well as some other building maintenance projects required this spring/summer.

Old/New Business:

- Concerns regarding the proposed splash pad at Spring Meadows Park were discussed. The splash pad would only be open from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. The idea was discussed to use that space as a multi-generational outdoor fitness center that could be used anytime of the year. Also talked of creating pods for age groups of age appropriate play equipment including natural features of the park. The natural slope of a hill would be part of a slide, not all pre-fab pieces. There would be education components surrounded by bike paths for younger kids.
- Jess talked to Trever about the AAA dugouts needing some repair. He will take a look at them to see what can be done.
- A Sports Committee Meeting was held two weeks ago with representatives from football, soccer, baseball and softball present. Sarah feels they are all trying to grow their organizations and community base.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto