

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

**July 16, 2020
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Erin Pittman, Tammy Eads, Sam Glesner and Duff Manweiler

Members Absent: Mike Berk, John Greenbaum and Jessica Wilson

Public Present: None

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

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

Public Comment: None

Rec Report:

- Sarah provided the following numbers for programs we have been able to offer since March 13th: 124 kids have participated in camps, 100 more are scheduled for upcoming summer programs and 36 have been attending playground. So far we have over \$20,000 in refunds since the COVID-19 issues started.
- The Senior Expo has been cancelled due to COVID-19. We have tried to do as much as possible for the community to provide them with some options. Some townships have totally closed their parks and programs.
- Playground is going well. The numbers are lower than normal but the kids have gotten used to the routine of having their temperature taken and wearing masks. Board games have been very popular in the past but not this year. The kids seem to enjoy playing ball of various kinds and other physical activities. At lunch they sit on towels six feet apart. They are adapting well and the parents appreciate us holding the camps and playground. The playground and the bathrooms are being sanitized on a regular basis.
- Tennis lessons have been going great. We are meeting our registration quotas and the kids seem to enjoy the physical activity.
- We have had to make the decision to cancel the Daddy/Daughter Date and the Bar-B-Q, Bingo and Bond. We tried all kinds of options that would allow us to hold both of these events but nothing worked out. We have many disappointed families. We are going to allow any boys or girls who registered this year and it was their last year to attend the event, to register for the 2021 event.
- All concerts scheduled for this summer have been cancelled for public safety.
- We are working on our fall newsletter. We are planning for fall programs as if school will open and we will be allowed to use the school facilities as always. We are being optimistic.

- We are still planning on having the Movie in the Park on August 21. The screen company from whom we have always rented the screen has suddenly gone out of business so Sarah has reached out to other sources. Phantom entertainment will be providing the screen this year.
- There is a meeting scheduled in August for the Master Plan Study. The most difficult part will be doing the personal interviews.
- There will still be a flu clinic for the township employees this year.
- According to Duff the fireworks are still scheduled to take place however there will be some changes. There is a meeting scheduled next week.
- Trick or Treat and The Tree Lighting Ceremony are on for now.
- Morning Out With Santa is still scheduled for December. We may have to make some changes but we are trying to move ahead with our programs. The fire company has been very supportive by offering us the use of their facility to hold programs.
- We held horseback riding camps this summer. The new facility and owner have been amazing and kids are having a great time.

Parks Report:

- With so many people using the parks this spring there was not as much spraying done. Park personnel will catch up with the spraying in the fall.
- DCNR gave us trees which were planted in Southview. Even with the planting the field is still open for baseball. There was also an area at Southview planted in wildflowers and we are waiting to see how they do this year.
- The batting cages were installed at South Middleton Park and the backstop nets at Woodcrafters are working well.
- Trever and his crew were relocated to the Public Works Building and offices are being installed for them.
- The COG auction was held at the park and went well. They may come back and request the site next year. The Lions Club provided food for the event.
- Nathan Adams was hired to replace Jonathan Keller.
- There was a 'Little Free Library' delivered to the office. It will be installed at Spring Meadows and will be filled with books and puzzles for people to share.
- The Carbine Trail is almost done and looks great.
- Currently working with a family at the edge of Spring Meadows to get an easement for a trail in front of their house that will connect to Woodburn and then to the Carbine Trail for access to the school.
- Tennis courts were resurfaced/lined and they now have pickle ball lines on them.
- The lights in the park were upgraded to LED and two lights at the tennis courts were turned toward the batting cages for use there. There are still issues with the lights at the volleyball court so they are still being worked on.
- Per Duff, the tree swallows are taking over the bluebird boxes. Some research was done and they have moved some the boxes so the two types of birds can cohabitate. Boxes for screech owls and hawks will be installed at a later date.
- Trever is working on a Heritage Tree Program which will include trees that meet certain criteria in size, species, historical importance, etc.

Old/New Business:

- Memorial benches are so popular. Six new slabs will be poured this summer and they have all been taken. We are running out of areas to place benches.
- We have processed lots of pavilion refunds this year. This is not our normal procedure but due to the COVID-19 issues we have been issuing refunds. Recently we have been getting non-resident rental requests because so many of the surrounding areas have closed their parks and pavilions. Donna expressed appreciation to our supervisors for keeping our parks open.
- Duff mentioned that a website called the Boiling Springs Villager was purchased and will be updated with historical information along with things that are happening/changing in the Boiling Springs area.
- There will not be an August Parks & Rec Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto