

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

**September 17, 2020
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Erin Pittman, Tammy Eads, Sam Glesner, Jessica Wilson, John Greenbaum and Duff Manweiler

Members Absent: Mike Berk

Public Present: None

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

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

Public Comment: None

Rec Report:

- The P&R Department is working with JMT to continue the Master Plan process for the three parks on Park Drive. The committee has had two meetings, one in person in February and a zoom session in July. The next three steps include key person interviews, focus group meetings and preliminary designs of the site.
- The Movie in the Park, “Aladdin”, was the wrap-up of the summer events. It was well attended with approximately 200 people and the weather was great. People seemed very appreciative of the opportunity to gather in the park for the event.
- We have not been given approval to use the school facilities for our programs so we are looking into the use of alternate sites. We have been told that the school district will revisit the use of their facilities at the end of September or beginning of October.
- Donna has contacted Otterbein United Methodist Church, St. John’s Lutheran, and the new Carlisle United Methodist Church about possible rental of their facilities to hold programs. Some of the prices for usage are high.
- We want to thank the Citizens Fire Company for the use of their two facilities. We have been holding our adult exercise classes (Aerobics, RIPPED, Zumba, Tai Chi, Pound and our new Senior Exercise) at both stations, as well as our kids baton class at the Holly Station.
- All aquatic programs have been cancelled since March.
- Registration is down however we are getting the minimum numbers for most programs which is allowing them to go.
- Tennis lessons have been booming. Times slots for both the summer and falls sessions have been well attended.
- We have started pre-k and pre-school and things are going well. The kids are keeping their masks on and using lots of sanitizer.

- Bricks4Kidz is the only class they have allowed us to hold at a school facility. It is an after school program and all the kids but one are currently in the building for the day.
- On September 19 DCNR will hold a retirement party for Mike Eschenmann in South Middleton Park. The township will be dedicating the footbridge to Mike during the ceremony. Mike was the first Parks & Rec Director for South Middleton Township. He was here from 1976 to 2000.
- On Monday, October 5 the township will be having an Emergency Services Luncheon to show our appreciation for their service. It will be held in the public works building from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and they will be invited to come and have a free meal.
- The construction projects for the admin offices and the public works building are almost complete and employees should be moving into their new areas/offices within the next two weeks.

Parks Report:

- Parks personnel have been working on getting bench pads poured and installing the benches that recently arrived.
- One huge Sycamore tree on Lindsay Road has been designated as part of the Heritage Tree Program. The tree is 7 ½ feet around.
- New electrical service was installed to Pavilion 2, more outlets were installed and a new line was trenched to the volleyball court. A new timer for the lights still needs to be installed.
- The Fitzgerald side of the Carbine Trail is done and the Carbine side needs a few more plants to complete it.
- The park bathrooms have been getting updated with new soap dispensers.
- The ‘Little Free Library’ was installed and has been well received. People are using it and taking and replacing books.
- Parks personnel have been busy with many parks projects like seeding, mowing, spraying, field maintenance, etc.
- Trever is currently working on his Bachelor’s Degree and Nate is working toward his CDL and pesticide licenses.
- Since the purchase of the Swisher property parks personnel have also been mowing and performing some maintenance on the property.

Old/New Business:

- Duff talked about the need for more senior programs. Several things brought up were bingo, pickle ball courts, bocce ball courts and disc golf programs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto