

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2023

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Tammy Eads, Jessica Wilson, Sam Glesner, and Andrew Dapkins

Members Absent: Duff Manweiler, Erin Pittman and Anthony Lucido

Public Present: None

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 Andrew, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Comment: None

Reorganization:

The following changes were approved for 2023:

- Chairman – Andrew Dapkins

Motion to approve was made by Jessica, seconded by Sam and the vote was unanimous.

- Vice Chairman – Sam Glesner

Motion to approve was made by Jessica, seconded by Tammy and the vote was unanimous.

- Secretary – Tammy Eads

Motion to approve was made by Sam, seconded by Jessica and the vote was unanimous.

- Youth Sports Committee Volunteers – Sam Glesner and Jessica Wilson

Recreation Report:

- The newsletter was delivered and program registration is going well. We have only cancelled two classes, MasOS and Beekeeping, due to low enrollment.
- The Girls Little Hoops was so popular we added a second session to handle the 55 first and second grade girls interested in basketball. The coach, Marissa Elliott does a great job and the kids love her.
- Resident pavilion registrations are going slow. Non-residents may call to register starting February 1. Next year we may not have separate start dates for residents and non-residents.
- We are not selling dog licenses this year and have only had two inquiries for them.
- Bus trip registrations are also going well.
- Our seniors are responding well to the senior programs we offer. Registration is going great for the Lunch Bunch meals, Senior Bingo, and the senior exercise programs.

- We have requests for three special events in the parks so far this year. The BFF will be September 3 at the South Middleton Park, Fleet Feet will be holding a 12-hour marathon on May 27 and the Central Pennsylvania Down Syndrome Buddy walk/run will be held September 16.
- Crabtree is still working on plans for Fair Oaks. The new recreation center will have three full classrooms; a meeting/conference room; a large multi-purpose room; a full size gym to seat up to 300 people and lined for basketball, volleyball and pickleball; kitchen facilities; and a pre-school space with outdoor access. Hope to have an updated design to display at the February meeting. We need to get the design completed so we can apply for a DCNR grant in April, which if approved, funding would start in January 2024.
- We did not get the DCNR grant for the tennis/pickleball courts but we did get the GTRP grant which is active now. We will be moving forward with them in the near future. The school is considering having tennis teams and would use our courts.
- All the paperwork for the Spring Meadows Park playground and two sports field project has been submitted and we are waiting for a response from DCNR. The grant expires in May 2024. We hope to complete the project this summer.

Parks Report:

- Removed downed trees in Seven Gables, South Middleton Park, Spring Meadows Park and the AT House.
- Trimmed and removed guards from trees at Southview.
- Performed maintenance at the farmhouse on the furnace.
- Performed numerous electrical jobs in the parks and inside the buildings.
- Repaired 13 roof leaks on the admin building roof and consulted a company to help alleviate the leak issue.
- Will be painting and recarpeting the meeting room this year.
- Waiting on the Structural Engineer report on the condition of the AT House to see how the township wants to proceed.

Old/New Business:

- Work is proceeding at the lake. May or June the wall should be complete and then they will start work on the dam.
- Sarah announced that Vickie will be retiring June 2.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto