

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Tammy Eads, Jessica Wilson, Sam Glesner, Duff Manweiler, Erin Pittman and Andrew Dapkins

Members Absent: Anthony Lucido

Public Present: Jane Gillwood and Cindy and Tom Hooks

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

Minutes from the January meeting were approved by Sam and seconded by Andrew, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Comment: Jane Gillwood addressed the board regarding the removal of invasive plants on the Wittlinger Preserve and replacing them with native plants. She provided handouts to the board members indicating which areas of the preserve they would concentrate on. She asked if she could start a friends group to get others involved and is looking for ways to get grants to help with the costs. Sarah informed her we contract with GMS for grants and they might be able to help her. Information regarding the friends group can be put in the next newsletter going out in April and Jane was going to start a social media group.

Recreation Report:

- Sarah displayed the engineer renderings of the proposed interior floor plan and the exterior for the recreation center. She explained the various rooms and what they would be used for along with the changes to be made at the entrance to the property for safety reasons. This change would allow residents living on Oak Park Avenue to enter and exit safely. The road is currently private and will become a township road when this project is complete. Duff recommended getting those property owners together and explaining the changes that will be coming.
- We had our pre-school and pre-k registration last week and still have 2 spaces available in each class.
- Registration will be next week for the BBQ/Bingo and Bond and the Daddy/Daughter Date. Swim lesson registration will be held the first week of March. Spacing out our registration like this helps us to have a continuous revenue stream. This helps when we have to cancel a program and process refunds.

Parks Report:

- Removed downed trees in the water on the Wittlinger Preserve.
- Trimmed, pruned, mulched trees and plants and removed invasive plants from the parks.
- Performed playground maintenance and mulched around equipment.
- Worked on garage doors, performed electrical work in the public works building and got the basketball hoop from the pool repaired.
- Mike from the lake project is predicting the project will be complete in June.

Old/New Business:

- Looking for a name for the Fair Oaks property once it is our rec center. Asked board members to think about it and make suggestions. We may eventually need names for the classrooms and gym spaces. Erin suggested it be put in the newsletter and get community input. The board will make the final decision to be presented to the BOS for approval.
- The AT House was condemned when deemed unsafe by a structural engineer. Our codes personnel were required to post signs. We were trying to establish a water source for the hikers by adding a frost-free faucet away from the house. However, it appears we need approval from the National Parks Service which usually takes 30 days after we submit it in writing. We were hoping to get it done quickly since the hikers will be coming thru shortly and our personnel would have the time to complete it now. Once the grass starts growing our parks personnel get very busy mowing. We will also run electric to the gazebo since we can't pull from the AT House any more. Andrew asked why they sold us the property in this condition and now are not ready to help us in anyway so we can still provide water for the trail hikers and walkers.
- Cumberland County Emergency Services will be adding extensions to the cell towers at Yellow Breeches EMS and Spring Meadows Park to enhance reception quality. They are asking if we want a red flashing light at the top. The light is not required as the height is still within the limit of not needing the light for safety reasons. All board members were not in favor of the light and did not feel the community would be in favor of it.
- There will not be an April meeting as this is the night for the BBQ/Bingo and Bond event.
- Trever and Sarah will try to setup a Youth Sports meeting on the first Monday in March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto