

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2021
Regular Meeting via Zoom

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

Members Absent: None

Public Present: None

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

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

Reorganization: The following reorganization changes were approved for 2021:

Tammy Eads, Chairman
Jessica Wilson, Vice Chairman
Erin Pittman, Secretary

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

Youth Sports Committee, Sam Glesner and Duff Manweiler

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

Mike Berk has moved out of state and resigned from the board. Andrew (Andy) Dapkins was selected to fill the remaining year of Mike's term.

Andy introduced himself to the board. He moved to South Middleton Township in 2016 after researching various locations. He was impressed with all that our township had to offer. He loves the outdoors and loves our parks systems.

Public Comment: None

Recreation Report:

- We are trying to host as many of our regular programs with modification to locations, program numbers, etc.
- Adult exercise classes, Aerobics, Pound, Senior Exercise and Zumba are being held at the fire stations.
- The card making classes are being held at the township building.
- Senior Bingo has been a hit and is being held at St. John's Lutheran. Donna, with the help of Elaine Ludt, is holding this program once monthly, January thru April, at no

charge to the seniors. She gets little prizes for each game and a final blackout game prize of a gift card. The seniors spread out, wear their masks and really enjoy it.

- CPR & AED Certification and CPR for Friends & Family are being held at Yellow Breeches EMS by their staff.
- The Cake Decorating class went well. It was held at St. John's Lutheran last week. It worked out well with some adjustment and was a fun time. Elaine Ludt also volunteered her time to assist Donna with this program.
- The Grinch went well considering how cold it was. There were 30-35 kids in attendance.
- The horseback riding classes being offered monthly thru April are going well also.
- The Tie Dye Twirlers are able to use the school gym. Some of twirlers have progressed to throwing the batons and the added height in the gym allows for this.
- Pre-School and Pre-K classes had to close for the first time due to a student testing positive for Covid. Classes for both will resume next week. Registration for the 2021-2022 classes took place February 3rd. Classes filled in one day. Our program is highly sought after and kindergarten teachers have told us our students are well prepared for school.
- The Annual BBQ/Bingo and Bond is still scheduled to take place in April at the Carlisle Country Club. We have cut our registration in half and limited to township residents only. We met our max registration on the first day.
- The Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will take place in May at Letort View Community Center. Once again, registration was cut in half and limited to residents only and we currently only have openings for 2 additional couples. We did allow girls and boys who registered for last year's events as last time attendees to register for this year's events.
- The Summer Concert Series will be different this year. Sarah is calling it Friday Fest. They will be held the third Friday, May thru September, and will have food trucks in conjunction with the concerts with the exception of August. August will be the Movie in the Park with food trucks. The movie this year will be 'Dolittle'. Several new local groups have been scheduled to perform and Sarah will attempt to schedule food trucks that will fit the music genre. West Shore Symphony will be returning and will be offering world music this year
- Donna is looking for ideas for programs/classes for summer. Let her know if you have ideas. Erin suggested lifeguard certification since many of the local students were not able to get certified or recertified due to Covid restrictions.

Parks Report:

- Trever and his Parks personnel were pruning trees in the parks, at the furnace and along the trails until all the snow came. The snow removal has kept them busy.
- They painted and carpeted the Park & Rec Office as well as the Township Manager's office.
- Trent has been working on the HVAC issues in the building dealing with air flow.
- Anthony LaCroix is a new hire in Parks. He is working out well and is working on getting his CDL and then getting pesticide licenses.
- They have also been working on updating their credentials/certifications.
- Trever plans on completing the Carbine Trail in the spring.
- Kurt has been working with bids for Spring Meadows. This will include two athletic fields at the back of the park and a playground and adult workout area. Sarah forwarded playground drawings to all the board members for their review. The

playground will include opportunities for physically challenged children to enjoy equipment alongside of other children. There will also be water fountains, one of which will have the lower dog bowl fountain. Bids go out in March with completion by the end of the year.

- John asked about the status of the Heiser Lane part of the Letort Trail. Trever told him it is in the hands of the Letort Trail group.
- John also remarked on the great number of people using the parks and trails between 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day when he usually walks. He noted there are a good many cross country skiers using the parks.

Old/New Business:

- **Spring Event Request:**

1. Fleet Feet Mechanicsburg is requesting permission to hold a 12-hour ultra-marathon May 29 within the parks. It will be a relay event from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. possibly using trails in both parks. It was scheduled for last year but cancelled due to Covid.

Motion to approve was made by John, seconded by Erin and the vote was unanimous.

- **Youth Sports Requests:**

1. Eagle Baseball requested to use the Triple A field at South Middleton Park Wednesdays and Sundays for 9U games/practices. They used the fields in the fall.
2. South Middleton Soccer requested use of fields for spring. They have expanded their age groups and need more fields. They have 125 kids signed up. They will be using Spring Meadows and Leaman fields. Their insurance certificate is on file.
3. Boiling Springs Baseball Club & Legion requested use of fields for high school age kids from mid-May to mid-July. They will work with SMYBA to share the use of the fields. Their insurance certificate is on file.

Motion to approve the above three requests was made by John, seconded by Sam, and the vote was unanimous

Youth baseball and youth softball groups have not contacted Sarah with their requests. Jessica will reach out to baseball and Erin will reach out to softball to remind them.

- Duff shared the compliments he has been receiving about our parks and trails. He asked Donna to provide him signs for the Friday Fest events to post in the park. He shared with Trever that a Girl Scout Troop will be contacting him to offer their assistance with the pollinator gardens to earn badges.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto