

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

MARCH 16, 2023

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Tammy Eads, Jessica Wilson, Duff Manweiler and Andrew Dapkins

Members Absent: Anthony Lucido, Erin Pittman and Sam Glesner.

Public Present: None

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

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

Public Comment: None

Recreation Report:

- We are finalizing the summer newsletter. Donna has six new programs for the summer. The newsletter will be mailed on April 12 and registration will start April 17. We can't use YBMS for any programming this summer and will be using IFES classrooms and gym.
- Sarah, Donna and Billy will be attending the PRPS Conference in Hershey next week. They are looking forward to meeting with others in their field, sharing ideas, new techniques, programs and products.
- Daddy/Daughter Date, BBQ/Bingo and Bond and swim lesson registration have all taken place. Registrations went very well. The Daddy/Daughter Date will be a buffet meal again this year and the BBQ/Bingo and Bond is returning to the Country Club.

Parks Report:

- Tree pruning is complete.
- Installed artificial turf in the batting cages at South Middleton Park.
- Installed new sign holders and numbers on the pavilions.
- Getting ready for spring sports. Put infield mix at each field.
- Placed a spring tree order. Some will replace trees that have died or been taken down. Two magnolia trees were included in the order.
- The field at Indian Hills is under repair. The drain was full of infield mix so a new type of drain was installed to help keep that from happening.
- Gave the meeting room a facelift with paint and new blinds and are waiting for new carpet to be installed at the end of March.

Old/New Business:

- A youth sports meeting was held with Sarah, Trever, Sam, Jessica and the four sports organizations. It was a good meeting with lots of information being shared. Soccer talked about the proposed soccer complex and that they would not have any use of those fields. They are still planning on using the Mt. Holly field this year. Sarah requested the number of participants per age group to help in determining the number of fields each sport will need for the season.
- Everything DCNR needed has been provided to them regarding the playground/new fields at Spring Meadows. Once we get their approval we can get the playground equipment ordered and proceed with the work so it can be done this fall.
- Tennis/Pickleball courts project will get started as soon as we get the design part done.
- We received a grant from the PA Society for Ornithology as part of the 2023 Breeding Bird Blitz for Conservation (B4C) project. This should amount to approximately \$5000 to be used in South Middleton Park to provide signage and native to PA reeds in the marsh land near the nesting area of the Virginia Rails.
- Andrew introduced the prospect of working with Bird Town PA in the future. Bird Town PA's mission is to work with local municipalities and organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create healthier, more sustainable environments for birds, wildlife and people. A representative will be at the May meeting to provide more information.
- US Road Running requested to use Spring Meadows Park the third Saturday of the month, May thru October, for races. There will be a maximum of 50 people at each event. None of the board members felt this would cause any issues as long as the park has not already been reserved for that date.
- Tom Faley's services at Arlington National Cemetery will take place next week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto