

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

**March 18, 2021
Regular Meeting**

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

Members Absent: Erin Pittman

Public Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Tammy.

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

Public Comment: None

Recreation Report:

- We are currently working on the summer newsletter. The Governor's changes did not help with our program scheduling however, we are moving forward the best we can with the restrictions.
- The third Friday of each month, May – September, the entertainment and food truck events in the park should be ok to hold per our solicitor.
- Andy's bird walks are scheduled May – July and should be ok as well. They will help to get people outside and walking in the parks.
- We have the Lunch Bunch scheduled in June and July for seniors to connect and have lunch with other seniors in the area.
- Steve Lubart is planning a tennis league with various categories for ages 5 thru adults. Participants are asked to play at least one match in their league a week and report the results to Steve. He will keep all the statistics for June - August. He will also have tennis lessons for kids ages 5 – 18 years.
- We have various bus trips going this summer and fall.
- Horseback lessons will return for the summer. We have established a great relationship with King's View Acres.
- Camps for Bricks4kidz, board games, clay and sculpture, drawing and cartooning, knitting and crocheting along with various sports will be held this summer.
- Yellow Breeches EMS have been great to work with and they are offering CPR, AED & First Aid training for ages 14 and up.
- We just got approval from Zach at the school to hold both the boys and girls basketball camps in the gyms. He reminded us that he could rescind his approval at any time.

- Golf camps will be held at the Carlisle Barracks. Their golf instructor has been excellent to work with.
- Edward & Kirsten Wilson are going to hold Music in Motion Camps for children ages 3 months thru 5 years at a pavilion in Spring Meadows Park.
- Playground will again be held in the park with Donna as the leader and 4 staff members.
- Yoga will be held in the park for kids ages 5 – 10 years.
- Donna has put a lot of effort into getting instructors to offer programs for children and adults for the summer working with the restrictions placed on us.
- Zach informed us that we would not have use of the high school pool thru the summer. John asked why the use of the pool was considered different from the use of the gyms. Sarah expressed the department's frustration over this matter. John asked to be included in emails to Zach regarding facility usage.
- Kurt and Sarah spoke at the PRPS conference showing good planning leads to growth in our departments. Presentation went well and many were envious of all we have accomplished in the parks.
- Sarah spoke to the Pottstown Wellness Committee regarding combining resources with various groups like school districts/townships/health agencies to offer programming for the community.
- We received the three concept plans from JMT for the Master Plan of the three parks. We were not happy with it so we got together with them and pointed out what we are really interested in. They are now working on new plans.
- The BBQ Bingo & Bond and the Daddy/Daughter Date are coming up. We reduced the numbers by half for each event hoping to still hold the events this year. With the new restriction we have to cut our event to 25%. We are doing everything we can to adjust the venue to still hold the event for the people registered. Salzmann Hughes have been very helpful in advising us on how restrictions apply to us.

Parks Report:

- Park personnel have been busy pruning trees and bushes at the parks and farmhouse.
- Rolled and top dressed all baseball and softball fields. Added topsoil and seeded divots in outfield at Woodcrafters.
- Trimmed bushes/mums and applied Snapshot to all mulch beds around township building.
- Performed several maintenance jobs at the farmhouse.
- Installed new photocell for dusk-dawn light at volleyball court. Will do additional work on the volleyball court when it dries out.
- There will be lots of mulching done in the near future.
- Monday Trever and Sarah will make a decision on when to open the fields. If the fields have dried out since the rain on Thursday, they could open them prior to April 1.
- Update on the Letort Trail - The Peffers are selling their property and the people interested in it are also interested in having the trail go forward. Half of the trail is in our possession and the other half is private property and will need easements before proceeding. Property owners were upset that work was being done on their property without permission. For now, the trail remains closed.

- Duff remarked that people are complimenting the work done on the fields this year.
- There are lots of pavilion rentals this summer.
- Trever and Sarah mapped out locations for memorial benches. Sarah is contacting the people with requests for benches to finalize locations. We have already maxed out benches for 2021 in Spring Meadows Park.

Old/New Business:

- A new event request was received from Bubbletown Mat Club. They want to hold a BBQ meal fundraiser. They will sell tickets on-line and people will pick up at the pavilion in April. MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY JOHN, SECONDED BY ANDY, AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
- Duff said the BFF Day and the Day at the Lake are both happening this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Shatto