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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – May 25, 2017

PRESENT: Pattie Beans-Clark, Kevin Campbell, Ralph J. Di Zio, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Kim Wilson, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice, and Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey

ABSENT: Andy Kelly, Lori High, Jim Trammell

I OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 17-06: On a motion by Pattie Beans-Clark, second by Ralph Di Zio, the minutes of the April 27, 2017 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance report for April 2017.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report.

Construction of the Route 32 River Road section of the Solebury Trail is now in progress. The contract was awarded to James D. Morrissey, Inc., 9119 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. The construction trailer is located on the paved parking lot at Magill's Hill Park.

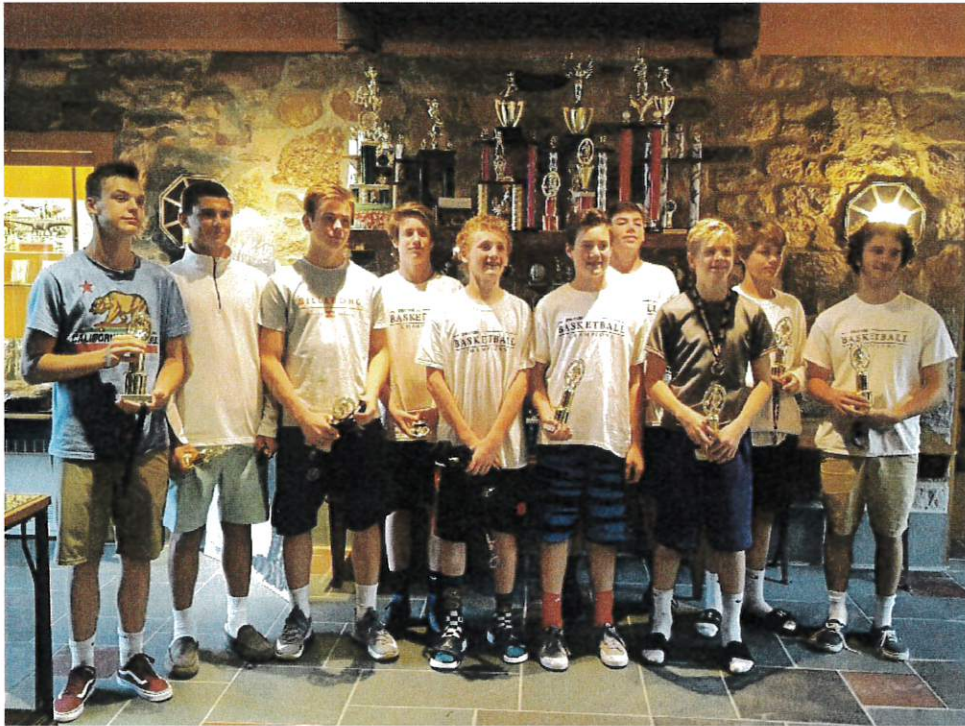


Dan Dupont reported on the progress of the Aquetong Spring which is looking at ways to remove excessive sediment from the stream and also remove invasive plant species. The stream was recently stocked with trout by the Trout Unlimited organization.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report.

The Solebury P&R 8th Grade Boys Travel Team won the 2017 ICBA League Championship! The official trophy presentation was held at the Supervisors meeting on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal building.



VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the report of upcoming events.

The annual community Easter Egg Hunt event was held at Pat Livezey Park for children eight years old and younger on the upper field. Prizes given for finding eggs with special prize tickets. Special character appearance and face painting. Approx 300 children attending 2017 event.



The Robert Nagg Memorial Soccer Game will be held on Sunday June 4 with the Girls team playing at 4:00 p.m. and the Boys team playing at 6:00 p.m. Money raised supports construction of a turf stadium field on the grounds of the NH-S high school complex on West Bridge Street in New Hope. This event raised \$5,700 in 2016 for a total of \$30,700 to date. Solebury Township P&R is the Event Sponsor.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the Committee reports.

X OLD BUSINESS

North Pointe Park: Members discussed the presentation to the Supervisors for developing the North Pointe Park site. Kevin Campbell commented that he is not certain that there is community support for a dog park. Concerns were expressed by neighbors with the potential increase in traffic congestion and security. Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey suggested that the presentation focus on a list of ideas such as trails, farming, and natural areas. Members agreed to continue working on the presentation at the sub-committee level at the end of the regular meeting.

Laurel Park New Multi-Purpose Field: Members were updated on the results of the meeting with the Supervisors on the proposed new multi-purpose field. The Solebury Township Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to develop a multi-purpose practice sports field at the site of the former municipal garage. The approximate cost will be \$75,000.

During the lengthy public meeting discussing this topic a variety of opinions were expressed by the Supervisors and Solebury residents. The decision was made to pursue building the field when John and Kathy Feehan donated \$35,000 toward the construction.

Moments before the Supervisor vote, Ed McGahan pledged an additional \$5,000.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Athletic field maintenance was discussed, and the Director provided a series of photos showing the field conditions at the end of the 2016 season compared to the current 2017 condition as a result of the ongoing maintenance plan. The Director also showed the excellent progress that has occurred with respect to the renovation work on the Canal Park field. It was agreed that athletic field maintenance will be a re-occurring agenda item each month.

Pattie Beans-Clark said she would work on the "key" that is to become a part of the Trail Map that was completed in 2016 by Jane Wilson and Nancy Allen.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Kevin Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,



Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation