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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – February 27, 2025

PRESENT IN PERSON: Paul Kawoczka, Dan Morrin Jr., Dan Dupont, Paul Klug, Nancy Stock-Allen, Dudley Rice (PR Director), Annelise Dahlin (Rec. Program Coordinator),

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Kevin Morrissey (Board of Supervisors Liaison)

ABSENT: Rickie Yudin, Marc Blucas, Kim Wilson & Michael Kerins (Associate Members)

OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 25-01: On a motion by Paul Klug, second by Nancy Stock-Allen, the minutes of the December 12, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENTS

A) Chase Bank Land Development (Car Wash Location)

- a. Park and Recreation Board reviewed trail proposal waiver in lieu of land development PR fee.
- b. Two options proposed: Chase bank funds the construction of a section of trail extending along 202 and up Shire Drive, or they pay \$9,000 to PR fund.
- c. PR Board and BOS Liaison, Kevin Morrissey, felt as though proposal satisfies the Park and Recreation land development requirements.

MOTION 25-02: On a motion by Paul Klug, second by Dan Dupont, the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends that the Supervisors approve Chase Bank's waiver of Recreation Facilities as requested from the Township SALDO Section 22-523.3.B.(2) and Section 22-523.6.

The motion was carried unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R budget report and the capital expenses to date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

A) AWA LDS Grant Overview – Michael Zolkewitz (AWA)

- a. Michael Zolkewitz, Vice President of the Aquetong Watershed Association, presented a project to restore the riparian buffer in Aquetong Spring Park, funded by the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Management Council.
- b. The project will include the planting of 20 trees and 30 shrubs along the unrestored, upper portion of the creek and aims to restore the native brook trout habitat.

- c. The event will be held on April 26th using community volunteers, AWA Staff, and the Bluestone Group. The AWA has received support from the National Park Service, the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, Solebury Township's EAC and they are seeking further support from Solebury's Board of Parks and Recreation and the Board of Supervisors.
- B) TU Trout Habitat Restoration – Craig Sutton/Kevin Randall (Trout Unlimited)
 - a. Damming of Aquetong creek disrupted natural cold water trout habitat, unique opportunity to restore back to a healthy ecosystem. Trout Unlimited's project proposal restores over 500 feet of creek bed and bank via the installation of 33 structures mimicking a natural, self-sustaining trout habitat.
 - b. Project anticipates the closure, or partial closure, of Aquetong Spring Park for a few days and is expected to cost less than the \$50,000 budgeted. Trout Unlimited will likely fund a majority of the project with opportunities for grant applications.
 - c. Trout Unlimited is seeking the support of the Board of Parks and Recreation and a recommendation of support for the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION 25-03: On a motion by Dan Dupont, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends that the Supervisors support the proposal for streambank and habitat restoration in Aquetong Spring Park.

The motion was carried by unanimous vote and one abstention by Nancy Stock-Allen.

- C) Outstanding Service Recognition Award – Kevin Campbell
 - a. Kevin Campbell was one of the longest serving members of Solebury's Board of Parks and Recreation, sitting on the Board for 13 years since 2011. The award recognizes his outstanding dedication to the community, our children, and to Parks and Recreation

REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report.

REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report

EVENTS

- A) Winter festival: Magic show went well; Randy Shine amazed a sold out crowd.
- B) St. Baldrick's: Moved back and hours of event shortened.
- C) Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Held April 12th
- D) Pride Parade: Registered and signed up, held May 17th.
- E) Robert Nagg Memorial Soccer Game: PR Board event sponsor, held May 18th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. *Comprehensive Plan Committee:* Moving along well, committee has identified list of core areas of focus in the final report. Open Space, Trail & Greenway Plan will be folded into final Comprehensive Plan.
- B. *Trail Task Force:* On March 13th, Task Force representatives will meet with Gilmore & Associates, the Township Manager, and PR Staff to discuss trail initiatives and feasibility study.
- C. *Comprehensive Park, Recreation, Open Space, Trail & Greenway Plan:* Key Stakeholder Interviews completed February 27th. Gilmore & associates will be scheduling site visits and steering committee meetings in the upcoming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) Bird Loop Benches – benches will be delivered by end of March, cannot install until warmer weather and softer ground. Final location of benches to be decided once delivery date is confirmed, bench lottery will be posted and advertised once installed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Dog poop signs are installed at Aquetong Spring Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A) Kevin Morrissey announced the Township's purchase of the 166 acre Quarry property, with a 60 acre lake, formerly known as New Hope Crushed Stone. Sale will not be finalized for another 60 days while the Township completes environmental testing.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Annelise Dahlin
Recreation Program Coordinator