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***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – March 28, 2024***

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Nancy Stock-Allen, Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Michael Kernis, Dan Morrin Jr., Kim Wilson, Paul Klug, P&R Director Dudley Rice and Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** *Rickie Yudin*

**ABSENT:** Marc Blucas, Michael McKenna

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed new member Rickie Yudin, who attended via Zoom, and new associate member Paul Klug, attending in person.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 24-05:** *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Nancy Stock-Allen, the minutes of the January 25, 2024 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

**FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R budget report and the Director noted that most of the costs to date are capital expenses due to repairs at Laurel and Pat Livezey Parks which will be highlighted in the report on facilities.

**SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

**REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The chain-link fence on the lower lighted soccer field sustained storm damage from fallen trees and will be repaired as weather permits. The tree and debris have already been cleared and removed.



New engineered wood fiber safety surfacing has been applied to the playgrounds at both Laurel Park and Pat Livezey Park.

Both the well pump and air tank at the Laurel Park snack stand failed – both are over 21 years old – and had to be replaced to provide water in the bathrooms.

Landis Fence completed installation of the 12 ft high chain link fence at the pickleball courts. Once detailed measurements are taken, the barrier material will be ordered. The existing nets, posts and ground support sleeves have been removed due to significant damage and new equipment has been ordered from the manufacturer. Pricing is in progress for the damaged surface areas on the courts. In response to a question about when the courts would open up again, the Director responded that due to weather and the amount of work still to be accomplished, it is unlikely they will be ready by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Portions of the walking trail over the small dam at the spring at Aquetong Spring Park has collapsed and become unstable with several sinkholes and is closed to the public until further notice due to safety concerns. The Township Engineer is investigating the issues and the undermining of the dam by the water flow, and is expected to propose options for consideration by the Supervisors. The walk is closed with barricades at each side and posted with warning signs.



The Director reviewed the status of the update to the P&R Master plan and the next steps to be taken which include appointments to the Project Study Committee by the Supervisors. P&R will have two representatives on the Committee, and Chair Dan Dupont asked members to think about who would be interested and to let him know so that a recommendation can be made at the April meeting.

#### **REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

Board members reviewed the program report. All 4 travel teams made the playoffs this season, and the 6th grade boys made it to the championship game but came up short in the final seconds, losing 27-26 to Langhorne. Adult basketball is in progress and plays on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the NHSSD UES gym.

#### **EVENTS**

Members reviewed and discussed the list of events. Kim Wilson asked for any volunteers to be at Pat Livezey Park by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, to help with the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Comprehensive Plan Committee:* Nancy Stock-Allen and Kevin Morrissey provided an update on the work to date.

*Trail Task Force:* Nancy Stock-Allen and Mike Kernis updated members on the status of the trails work and the meeting with the Township Manager. A copy of the report was included in the agenda package sent to members. Kevin Morrissey talked about the process for including trail discussions with the owners of properties who propose development along the trail routes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Celebration Tree Program:* Dan Dupont and Nancy Stock-Allen will coordinate putting together the list of six trees and send them to the Director for inclusion in the program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Members discussed the name for the park at the Route 202 property (and possible re-naming of Solebury Park on Upper Mountain Road. Kevin Morrissey noted that this subject was on the agenda for the next Supervisors meeting and that whatever they decide, it will be sent back to the P&R Board for review and feedback. Discussion continued about the Route 202 “park” and what it would be – the Director will send everyone the final report from that committee which was presented to the Supervisors in January 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley Rice*

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