



MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY MAY 28, 2020

- I OPENING OF MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.
- II ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE
- III APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV FINANCE REPORT
- V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS
None
- VI REPORTS ON PARK FACILITIES
 - A) Canal Park
 - B) Magill's Hill Park
 - C) Pat Livezey Park
 - D) Laurel Park
 - E) North Pointe Park
 - F) Aquetong Spring Park
 - G) Solebury Park
 - H) Solebury Trail
- VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS
 - A) Baseball / Basketball / Soccer / Lacrosse / Wrestling / Camp
- VIII PUBLIC EVENTS
 - A) St. Baldrick's Day Event – Dan Dupont
 - B) Annual Egg Hunt (Cancelled) - Kim Wilson
 - C) Robert Nagg Memorial Soccer Game (Cancelled / TBD)
 - D) Bucks County Senior Games (Cancelled)
 - E) New Hope Auto Show (TBD)
- IX COMMITTEE REPORTS
- X OLD BUSINESS
 - A) Solebury Trail Development & Mapping: Nancy Stock-Allen
- XI NEW BUSINESS
 - A) COVID-19 Discussion
- XII PUBLIC COMMENT
- XIII ADJOURNMENT



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2020

PRESENT: Dan Dupont, Michael McKenna, Dan Morrin Jr., Jim Trammell, Barbara Zietchick, and Parks & Rec Director Dudley Rice

ABSENT: Kevin Campbell, Nancy Stock-Allen, Kim Wilson, Supervisor Liaison John Francis

I OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 20-03: On a motion by Jim Trammell, second by Barbara Zietchick, the minutes of the January 30, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance report. Barbara Zietchick asked about unappropriated funds and the Director said he would follow-up to everyone by separate email explanation later in the week.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None.

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. Members asked about the status of the various grants for Aquetong Spring Park and creation of a committee that would coordinate future planning efforts. The Director said he would follow-up to everyone by separate email explanation later in the week on both subjects.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the upcoming events schedule and noted that the St. Baldrick's Day fundraising event was being held on Saturday, March 14 at the UES from 11 am to 3 pm.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the status of Committee items.

X OLD BUSINESS

Members discussed the continuing work on the Solebury Trail Development & Mapping initiative and the facilities that are located at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. Barbara Zietchick provided the members with a report detailing her interview with Lisa at the Preserve and information on their trails, including their wheel-chair accessible trail.

Barbara recommended that trails planned for Aquetong Spring Park follow the template used to design the trails at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Zietchick proposed that the P&R members consider having a mini-marathon for kids that could be run on grass. Members suggested contacting the Home School Association (HSA) since that group has run something like that the past couple of years.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dan Dupont.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation

Solebury Township Park and Rec Meeting

Follow-up on Bowman's Hill discussion

February 27, 2020

Bowman's Hill 's Wild Flower Preserve

Information on Trails

The purpose of my interview with Lisa at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve was to ascertain the scope of the paths and trails that would be suitable for a senior population. In addition, a flier that outlines some of the facilities and programs is available to the public.

The facility is open every day but Monday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Guides are available during that time. Mr. SSantino Lauaricella, education coordinator, is involved in providing walks and information. Beginning in April, guided woks are available at 2:00 PM. Reservations for a group are available and the walk can be "tailored" to the needs of the clients.

Bowman's has created a wheel-chair accessible trail. From the parking lot, wheelchairs and/or walkers, and canes, are easily utilized. There is a smooth pathway to the lake, to the main building, and to the path, which has been designed with disabled persons in mind. Parents with strollers or carriages will find it convenient and accessible. Benches are available along the path, which are essential to those who need to rest, and to the enjoyment of the surroundings.

Fliers are available and will be included with the next Messenger, which we ill distribute at Fox Run Preserve.

Trails planned for the Aquetong Spring Lake Park should follow the template used to design the trails at Bowman's. Not only will the residents at Fox Run find them accessible, but also they will suit the needs of many residents in the Solebury population.

Respectfully:

Barbara Zietchick

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
FACILITIES REPORT – MAY 2020 UPDATE

Solebury Township Parks & Recreation ended all sports activities and group use of Township parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, pavilions, restrooms, and facilities through June 4, 2020, after which time the situation will be re-evaluated for appropriate action.

The decision to suspend use of these facilities is designed to minimize contact that might result in exposure to coronavirus, and is in keeping with Pa. Gov. Tom Wolf's Stay-at-Home Order, recommendations from state health officials, CDC guidelines, and actions taken by professional and amateur sports leagues across the country.

Solebury Township trails, including those that are located in or cross through our parks, are open for use following social distancing guidelines. Playgrounds at all Township parks are closed to the public. All parks have been posted with appropriate signs.

CANAL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Gate remains open to permit parking for access to the trail within the park and to the Towpath.

MAGILL'S HILL:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Picnic tables/bench seats were replaced with pressure treated wood.



PAT LIVEZEY PARK:

Fields (Upper & Lower)

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Maintenance / Buildings / Security

Routine maintenance and inspection.

MOWING and MAINTENANCE

Professional Landscape Services, Inc. (PLS) is mowing at all locations per the existing contract.

TRAILS

Routine maintenance and inspection.

LAUREL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Police dog training facility constructed at the southeast corner of the football field adjacent to the communications tower.



NORTH POINTE PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

AQUETONG SPRING PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.
Stream restoration work in progress by the contractor.

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS and RECREATION
PROGRAM REPORT – MAY 2020

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL:

The spring/summer season is cancelled due to COVID-19 and refunds are being issued. A fall baseball and softball season is still a possibility and a new registration will take place at that time. Monthly meetings are now being held via ZOOM. Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at a location TBA. During the playing season - March, April, May - the meeting time is 8:00 p.m. There are no scheduled meetings in June, July, August, September, or December. The next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Email Contact: info@soleburybaseball.org
Website located at www.soleburybaseball.org

SOCCER:

The 2020 spring rock league season is cancelled due to COVID-19. Planning is still in progress for a fall Intramural and Travel soccer season.

Website at www.soleburysoccer.com

BASKETBALL:

TRAVEL PROGRAM: Regular season games have ended.
INTRAMURAL PROGRAM: Regular season games have ended.

ADULT PROGRAM: The adult basketball program is cancelled due to COVID-19 until further notice.

Website located at www.soleburybasketball.org
ICBA website located at www.icbabasketball.com

WRESTLING:

The wrestling program has ended for the season.

Website located at www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com

LACROSSE

The spring 2020 Lacrosse season is cancelled due to COVID-19 and refunds have been issued.

Website located at www.soleburylacrosse.com

NEW HOPE SOLEBURY FOOTBALL and CHEER CLUB

The tackle program merged with Lambertville Football. No practices or games have occurred at Laurel Park since 2017.

SUMMER CAMP:

Planning is on "hold" for the 2020 Summer Camp program due to COVID-19. New Hope-Solebury school district will not be able to open their Extended School Year summer program on site or host the Township Camp due to COVID-19 restrictions. The situation will be evaluated on June 4, based on PA Governor Tom Wolf's assessment and announcement on that date about PA re-opening plan.

BACKGROUND SCREENING and CLEARANCES:

The current list is being updated for all coaches, referees, and others who are required to obtain clearances. This is an ongoing process throughout the year. See next page for links to requirements.

The current PA State law on Clearances is now in effect for all volunteers, who are required to provide the following:

1. *PA State Police Criminal Record Check*
2. *ChildLine PA Child Abuse Clearance through the Dept of Human Services*
3. *FBI Criminal Background Check OR the 10-Year CPSL Resident Affidavit (depending on the length of residency in PA)*

FIRST AID / CPR / AED TRAINING:

CPR/AED training sessions were completed in early March 2020 at the Rescue Squad building in Lambertville, NJ and 15 residents completed the training and received their 2-year certification.

CONCUSSION TRAINING

All coaches and sports groups using Township facilities are required to complete the CDC Concussion Training and produce a certificate of completion or League certification.

Training website located at <https://headsup.cdc.gov>

LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:

Sales continue.

Since this program was started, it has raised \$58,241 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events.

PUBLIC EVENTS LIST – MAY 2020 UPDATE

| <u>EVENT LIST</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>CHAIRPERSON</u> |
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| Winter Festival | Jan 18-26, 2020 | P&R Director |
| <p>Community Festival involving Solebury, New Hope, and Lambertville residents and visitors in a variety of local events that highlight the unique character of the area. Proceeds benefit parks and recreation departments of each participating municipality and other local charities. Solebury Parks & Recreation received \$12,000 from our 2020 event, bringing Solebury P&R total to date to \$98,500. Disbursement to local organizations from the 2020 Event came to \$66,645. <i>The total amount distributed during the past 22 years is \$578,214 – all for the benefit of our local community organizations!</i></p> <p>website: www.winterfestival.net</p> | | |
| St. Baldrick's Day Community Event | Sat, March 14, 2020 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Dan Dupont |
| <p>Annual community event to raise money to be donated to St. Baldrick's for Pediatric Cancer Research. P&R is a \$1,000 Barber Sponsor for the event, which is held at the New Hope-Solebury upper elementary school (UES). The 2018 event raised over \$186,000. The 2019 event raised over \$175,000.</p> <p>The 2020 event at the NH-S UES was cancelled due to COVID-19, but still managed to raise \$172,189, making it the eleventh ranked St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser in the country.</p> <p>website: https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/7966/2019</p> | | |
| Annual Egg Hunt | Sat, April 20 10:00 a.m. | Kim Wilson |
| <p>Annual community "free" event at Pat Livezey Park for children eight years old and younger. with an "egg hunt" on the upper field. Prizes given for finding eggs with special prize tickets. Special character appearance and face painting. Over 350 children attended the 2019 event.</p> <p>CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19</p> | | |
| Robert Nagg Memorial Soccer Game | May 31 4-8 p.m. | Dennis Nagg |
| <p>Annual event in memory of NH-S student Robert Nagg. 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. The event raised \$9,138 in 2019 for a total of \$51,338 to date, to be used towards the eventual construction of a new artificial turf playing field at the NH-S school district. Solebury Township P&R is the Event Sponsor and custodian of the funds.</p> <p>POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE DUE TO COVID-19</p> | | |

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| Senior Games | May 27 – June 14 | P&R Director |
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Participation and sponsorship of County-wide games at multiple locations for Senior Citizens through the Bucks County Dept of Parks & Recreation and Bucks County Area Agency on Aging. Held at various locations throughout Bucks County. Awards are presented in June at the Senior Games ceremony and luncheon.

website: <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/HumanServices/AAA>

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

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| National Night Out | Aug TBD | Solebury Police Dept |
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An evening event on National Night Out featuring police throughout the community engaging parents and children in multiple locations.

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| Auto Show Road Rally | July TBD | P&R Director |
| NHSCA Auto Show | Aug TBD | |

Annual antique automobile show and Road Rally raises money for scholarships for New Hope-Solebury graduating students. P&R sponsors the BRILLMAN Antique Truck Trophy and the Annual Road Rally. The 2-Day Show was back for 2019 and highly successful.

A DECISION IS EXPECTED BY MID-MAY DUE TO COVID-19

website: www.newhopeautoshow.com

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| Stories in the Park | Summer TBD | NHS Free Library |
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Stories, songs, silliness and fun for children presented by the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury, Ms. Darcy Fair, in both Laurel Park and Pat Livezey Park throughout the summer.

website: <https://www.nhslibrary.org>

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| Music Mountain | Jan – Dec 2020 Season | P&R Director |
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Support and sponsorship of the 2020 season. Also support for selected individual shows based on published schedule. Benefits members of the community and local performers.

**LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCES ARE ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19.
LIMITED PERFORMANCES ONLINE AND ON FACEBOOK.**

website: www.musicmountaintheatre.org

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| Trunk or Treat | Oct TBD 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. | P&R Director & Solebury PD |
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Solebury P&R and the Police Department participate with the NH-S School District for the "Trunk or Treat" event at the upper elementary school (UES) during the mid-morning lunchtime. Vehicles are staged in the parking lot – games are played - and prizes with a Halloween theme are handed out to each participant.

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| Halloween and Community Safety Night | Oct 31 6-8 p.m. | P&R Director / P&R Members |
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"Light Up The Night" local community event conducted in cooperation with the Solebury Township Police. The 2020 location will be at 611 Norwalk Way in North Pointe. Please arrive not later than 5:30 for set-up.

COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY 2020

Committee meetings are currently being held via ZOOM due to COVID-19 unless otherwise noted below.

AQUETONG SPRING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

AUTO SHOW COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held on Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the CA office. A decision is expected to be made by NHSCA on May 15 about the 2020 Auto Show for August. Dave Hansel, former Director of Operations at New Hope-Solebury

Website: www.newhopeautoshow.com

NHS FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Monthly meetings are typically scheduled on the third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. unless changed by NHSSD. Next meeting is May 21st.

BASEBALL SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Baseball Safety Manual and ASAP Safety Plan for 2020 for Laurel Park was updated and posted on the baseball website.

WINTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Lambertville Station Restaurant. The Board of Directors meets at 6:00 p.m. and the General Membership Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Meeting are suspended due to COVID-19 and all business is currently being transacted via email.

Website: www.winterfestival.net

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Recommendations

Draft #6 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 15, 2014.

Long Term Recommendations (Over 5 years): *2019 and Beyond*

1. Monitor river access through Washington Crossing State Park.
2. Validate community support and identify and construct a Community Center incorporating an indoor gymnasium and meeting rooms for resident use.
3. Evaluate the need for additional outdoor recreational facilities.