

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP
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MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2021

- I OPENING OF MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.
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- III APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 25, 2021
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 - A) Easter Egg Hunt
 - B) Robert Nagg Memorial Soccer Game - May 23 from 4-7 p.m.
 - C) Bucks County Senior Games - June 7 to 19
 - D) P&R Auto Show Road Rally - Sunday August 1
 - E) National Night Out – Tuesday August 3 from 6-9 p.m.
 - F) NHSCA Auto Show – Sat/Sun August 14-15
- IX COMMITTEE REPORTS
- X OLD BUSINESS
 - A) Park Site Visits
 - B) Park Signs
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 - A) Aquetong Spring Opening – Late Sept/Early Oct (TBD)
 - B) Next meeting re-scheduled to September 30, 2021
- XII PUBLIC COMMENT
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***NEXT PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 at 7 P.M.***



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 25, 2021

PRESENT: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Michael McKenna, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen, Jim Trammell, Kim Wilson, Barbara Zietchick, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice and Supervisor Liaison John Francis

ABSENT: None

I OPENING OF MEETING

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

II ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

P&R MOTION 21-05: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the minutes of the February 25, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance reports.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. All fields are undergoing maintenance and preparation for the spring sports season and all bathroom facilities are open and operational. Work is in progress on the girls softball field dugouts, with initial block work completed and the foundation slab, roof and fencing to be finished during the next two weeks.



Dan Dupont noted that the Supervisors have approved the proposal by the Baseball and Softball League for the installation of a scoreboard at the girls softball field. Funding was specifically not a part of the proposal from

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. Soccer, Baseball, and Lacrosse have started spring practices and games, following CDC and PA State guidelines. Basketball is still on "hold" due to COVID-19 and the lack of gym facilities. Mike McKenna suggested trying to get adults out to play on the outdoor courts. The only kids team playing is the 6th grade travel team. Kim Wilson with the Soccer Club will be running the after school intramural program at the Laurel Park football field per the following schedule:

KINDERGARTEN - Tuesdays starting April 20th - ending May 25th from 3:30-4:30
FIRST GRADE - Wednesdays starting April 21st - ending May 26th from 3:30-4:30
2nd/3rd GRADE - Wednesdays starting April 21st - ending May 26th from 4:45 -5:45
SECOND GRADE - Thursdays starting April 22nd - ending May 27th from 3:30-4:30
3rd/4th GRADE - Group A Tuesdays starting April 20th - ending May 25th from 4:45-5:45
3rd/4th GRADE - Group B Thursdays starting April 22nd - ending May 27th from 4:45-5:45

Summer Camp planning is in progress and will again be held at Pat Livezey Park during July following the same guidelines as 2020.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the events. The opening for the new pickleball courts is set for Saturday March 27 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Laurel Park. This year's annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 3 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Pat Livezey Park and a couple of volunteers are still needed to help at the event. The "hunt" will take place in the pavilion in a more orderly fashion in accordance with CDC guidelines.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the committee reports.

New Hope-Solebury School District Facilities Committee

Construction on the school Stadium Field project is set to begin June 1 and be completed by August 24. KCBA Architects presented an updated plan and proposal for additions to the Stadium Field at the high school complex (field house, press box, new bleachers, sound system, new lighting, walkways, etc.). The Committee voted to move forward with Option #2 (field house with concession/kitchen, press box, scoreboard, etc.) at \$4,573,786.

X OLD BUSINESS

PARK SITE VISITS

Members discussed the recent site visit to Solebury Park – amazing views, trails, large open areas. Dan Dupont pointed out that there are many large trees that need attention in order to survive. Members talked about having a sign to identify the park for the public and handing out maps or flyers showing the location of each park. The Director stated that those maps are available at the Township office and Barbara Zietchick volunteered to stop by and get a box to start handing out in Fox Run.

P&R MOTION 21-06: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Kevin Campbell, the Board of Parks & Recreation recommends to the Supervisors that a sign identifying Solebury Park be put at its entrance, similar to the other park signs in Solebury.*

ROUTE 202 PROPERTY

Members discussed ideas for the newly acquired Route 202 "Flea Market" property. Supervisor John Francis pointed out that the Township is also planning to acquire a 1-acre property that will connect the "Flea Market" property with Shire Drive, which runs adjacent

to the Giant Food Store supermarket and exits onto Route 202. Closing on the 1-acre property is scheduled for June to allow time for public input.

Dan Dupont started the conversation by bringing up the main idea of a community center, which had been discussed during the February meeting. Barbara Zietchick and Mike McKenna mentioned the possibility of combining the community center with an expanded library, something that has been discussed with the library board. Dan Morrin, Jr. suggested a skate park / roller blade / floor hockey rink / pump track for BMX biking.

Members agreed on a community center with meeting rooms and spaces that could be used by all age groups during the day and evening, and provide room for indoor exercise and new activities in an "all-purpose type room." Dan Morrin, Jr. also suggested a community center could be used as an information / visitor center. Trails should also be a part of any development, the members agreed. One also suggested another pavilion like the one at Pat Livezey Park.

XI NEW BUSINESS

None

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
FACILITIES REPORT – JUNE 2021

All park facilities, playgrounds and bathroom facilities are open and operational except As noted below. Mowing and maintenance is in progress at all athletic fields and parks.

CANAL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

MAGILL'S HILL:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

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 the current contractor performing all mowing and maintenance operations in 2021.

The Mowing and Maintenance Bid for the 2022-24 contract period was awarded by the Supervisors to the low bidder, M&M Landscaping, Lansdale, PA in the amount of \$1,980 per cut.

TRAILS

Routine maintenance and inspection.

LAUREL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Construction of the Girls' softball field dugouts has been completed.

Work to remove all 22 dead and dying ash trees has been completed.

A neighbor's tree on Laurel Road fell down across the street destroying 3 evergreen trees and part of the fence on the softball field. The area has been cleaned up and the fence repaired.



NORTH POINTE PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

AQUETONG SPRING PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Construction of the park entrance has started and the park will remain **CLOSED** to the public until anticipated completion in late September / early October. The Board of Supervisors will have an official ribbon cutting and opening event after all of the construction has been completed. Date and time TBD.

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

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PROGRAM REPORT – JUNE 2021

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL:

The spring Baseball & Softball season has ended. Meetings are held each month via Zoom at a date / time TBD by the Baseball & Softball Board.

Website: www.soleburybaseball.org

Email Contact: soleburytwpbbaseballsoftball@gmail.com

SOCCER:

The spring Soccer season has ended. Frank Lawson is stepping down as President of the soccer club, but will remain until someone comes forward to volunteer for the position.

The Torch youth soccer camp will run at Laurel Park June 21-25 from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of each month.

Website: www.soleburysoccer.com

BASKETBALL:

UPDATE AS OF 5/20/2021: Basketball will not be returning at this time, since the NH-S school district is making no changes to its health and safety plan for the fall and not allowing use of its gym facilities per the Superintendent.

TRAVEL PROGRAM: On hold / **INTRAMURAL PROGRAM:** On hold / **ADULT PROGRAM:** On hold
ICBA website: www.icbabasketball.com

Head Basketball Coach Keith Deussing and his 6th grade boys team made it to the championship game in the Renegades League and ended up with an outstanding second place finish. Congrats to the team!



WRESTLING:

Wrestling is on “hold” due to the lack of gym facilities. The wrestling organization will monitor the situation and re-assess as needed.

Website: www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com

LACROSSE:

The spring Lacrosse season has ended. Games this year were played at the Laurel Park “football” field since the NH-S school district did not allow community use of its fields.

League website: <http://www.nhslacrosseclub.com/organizations/19205>

NEW HOPE SOLEBURY FOOTBALL and CHEER CLUB

The organization merged to form The Lambertville / New Hope Ramblers Football and Cheerleading program, affiliated with the Warren County Midget Football League in NJ. Practices and games played locally at Ely Park and Hewitt Park fields in Lambertville, NJ. Away games played at various NJ locations. No practices or games have occurred at Laurel Park for the past 5 years.

Football was contacted to remove their goal posts, shed and contents, scoreboard in a timely fashion. The goal posts have been removed.

Website: <https://lnh-ramblers.com>

NHCC SPORTS CAMP:

A multi-sport youth camp (baseball, softball, soccer, etc.) will be held at Laurel Park from June 28 to July 2 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The sports camp is being run by Kim Wilson and the New Hope Community Church.

SUMMER CAMP:

Camp is totally booked for the 2021 summer season.

The Parks & Recreation Summer Camp will operate Monday to Friday for children in 1st through 6th grade. Weekly sessions run for 4 weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning July 5th and ending on July 30th. Camp activities are based at Pat Livezey Park and include sports, theme days, arts & crafts, music, science programs, water programs (weather permitting), karate instruction, balloon sculpting, magic shows, and other special events and activities designed for young children. Complete information and registration can be found on the P&R Township website link below:

<https://www.soleburytwp.org/parks-recreation/pages/2021-summer-camp>

BACKGROUND SCREENING and CLEARANCES:

The current list is updated for those who are required to obtain clearances as an ongoing process throughout the year as necessary. Individual sports organizations are required to provide certification to Solebury Township and/or copies as appropriate. 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:

In person CPR/AED training is on hold and no additional training sessions are planned at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. Online training courses are available at the following website:

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/search?cgid=cpr&zip=Solebury%2C+PA+18963%2C+USA&latitude=40.3806612&longitude=-75.00822459999999&zipcode=18963&searchtype=class>

CONCUSSION TRAINING

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

Training Website: <https://headsip.cdc.gov>

LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:

Sales continue. Since this program was started, it has raised \$60,295 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events.

COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE 2021

AQUETONG SPRING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Remaining meetings scheduled for 2021: July 26, October 25

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION / AUTO SHOW COMMITTEE:

Planning is in progress for a two-day Auto Show on August 14-15, 2021. The P&R Auto Show Road Rally will be held on Sunday, August 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the New Hope-Solebury high school.

Volunteers are needed to help direct show cars into their assigned locations on both the 14th and 15th. Anyone interested please contact Dudley Rice for details.

Websites: www.newhopeautoshow.com
<https://newhopesolebury-ca.org>

NHS FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. unless changed by NHSSD.
Final meeting for the school year was held on June 17, 2021.

The facilities sub-committee met on June 8 to review the 2019 master stadium project plan and recommendations made at that time in order to formulate a campus wide plan for the entire facilities committee.

BASEBALL SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Baseball Safety Manual and ASAP Safety Plan for 2021 for Laurel Park was updated by the league's safety director Cindi Mobley.

WINTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held on a TBD basis during the pandemic. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel the January 2021 Winter Festival due to COVID-19 concerns. Planning is in progress for Winter Festival 2022 in January.

Website: www.winterfestival.net

