

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
PARKS and RECREATION**

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**MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 28, 2021**

- I OPENING OF MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM
- II ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE
- III APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
- IV FINANCE REPORT
- V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS
- 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 / Summer Camp
- VIII EVENTS
  - A) Walk in the Park at ASP - Sunday Oct 17th
  - B) Halloween/Community Safety Night - Sunday Oct 31st 6-8 p.m.
- IX COMMITTEE REPORTS
- X OLD BUSINESS
  - A) Park Site Visits
  - B) Pickleball Update at Laurel Park
  - C) Hunting in Aquetong Spring Park
- XI NEW BUSINESS
- XII PUBLIC COMMENT
- XIII ADJOURNMENT



***NEXT PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2021 at 7 P.M.***



***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – September 30, 2021***

**PRESENT:** Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen (Arriving at 7:40 P.M.), Jim Trammell, Kim Wilson, Barbara Zietchick, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice and Supervisor Liaison John Francis

**ABSENT:** Michael McKenna

**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 21-07:*** *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the minutes of the March 25, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

**IV FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R finance reports. Dudley reported that the Township is nearing the end of the year and most budget line items have been expended. Barbara Zietchick asked about mowing less and Dudley noted that the price is based on a 3-year bid contract price that was approved by the Board of Supervisors for the parks and that unless they did not want to mow a particular park, then the price remains the same (even if mowing is somewhat reduced as it is in some areas of the parks). North Pointe Park is mowed and maintained by the Township public works department.

Dan Dupont asked how P&R budget has been affected by the pandemic. Dudley noted that some revenue items have been reduced, and likewise, some of those expenses have also been reduced so it has evened out. In the case of the summer camp program, even with less children due to the restructure due to pandemic issues and CDC guidelines, the profit margin has remained about the same as previous years.

**V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

**VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

Board members reviewed the facilities report. All fields are undergoing routine maintenance and preparation for the fall sports season and all bathroom facilities are open and operational.

The Route 202 “Flea Market Property” was discussed, noting that the budgeted mowing and maintenance responsibility falls under Parks & Recreation, but it is not officially “handed over” as a park yet, pending the eventual use of that property. Information from a Township survey, which will be sent out in the future to gather community input, will be used to aid the Supervisors in making some final decisions.

Paving of the upper parking lot has been completed at Pat Livezey Park.



## **VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

Board members reviewed the program report. Soccer and Girls Softball are in progress. No fall baseball is being played this season due to not enough interested participants, but clinics are being held on Saturdays and Sundays. Dan Morrin, Jr. is available for coaching in the Connie Mack baseball program in 2022. Basketball is on hold due to NH-S school district gym and facilities not being available for the fall/winter season.

**INTRAMURAL PROGRAM:** On hold

**ADULT PROGRAM:** On hold

**TRAVEL PROGRAM:** Limited to 3 remaining teams from prior season – 4th grade girls, 7th grade boys, and 8th grade boys. These teams are playing in the ICBA League. Solebury Private School is allowing limited use of its gym for the travel program for practices and games, subject to its own needs.

Summer Camp was totally booked for the 2021 summer season and the outdoor location at Pat Livezey Park worked extremely well (instead of being indoors). Camp operated Monday to Friday for children in 1st through 6th grade. Weekly sessions ran for 4 weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting July 5th and ending on July 30th. Activities included sports, theme days, arts & crafts, music, science programs, water programs (weather permitting), karate instruction, balloon sculpting, magic shows where campers learned how to perform actual tricks and illusions. Profit after expenses and counselor salaries for 2021 was \$9,800.



LEARNING SOME TRICKS WITH MR. MAGIC



POLICE DEMONSTRATION WITH BLITZ K-9

Members discussed pickleball and the popularity of the courts, and asked to have John Capriotti and Pamela Blake give a brief report on how things are going for the next meeting.

#### **VIII PUBLIC EVENTS**

Board members reviewed the events. The Auto Show was very successful and extremely busy as it returned to being a 2-day event. Sunday was the busiest, with many cars showing up to register "day of" and space was at a premium. The P&R Road Rally had 34 cars participate in a fun and popular ride through the Township and surroundings. National Night out was also very successful with approximately 250 in attendance at Laurel Park. Winter Festival is expected to reach a decision soon on if to proceed with its 2022 event in January/February.

#### **IX COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reviewed the committee reports.

#### **X OLD BUSINESS**

##### **PARK SITE VISITS:**

Members discussed the successful opening of Aquetong Spring Park(ASP) on September 24th and the planned "Walk in the Park" for the community on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Nancy Stock-Allen reviewed the details and plans for the "Walk in the Park" that were relayed to her by Darcy Fair, who is coordinating this community day event.

Benches for ASP were discussed and Dudley noted that six memorial benches are being installed by the Township public works department and once they are in, he will photo the locations and send the information around to the members. A decision can then be made about other locations where benches might be needed.

Questions were asked about hunting and deer stands (wooden slats nailed to a couple trees) along the Hillside Scramble trail. Nate Spence, Wildlife Coordinator, will remove those wooden slats and will provide some information on the hunting aspect and deer kills for the next meeting.

Nancy Stock-Allen asked who people should contact about issues in the park, and mentioned that there are now three groundhog holes on the Hillside Scramble trail that someone has placed sticks into them (to mark them). Dudley said that all questions and issues could be directed to him at the Township office.

Dan Dupont suggested that members come out to Aquetong Spring Park on Sunday, October 17th if available. Dudley reminded everyone that the Halloween & Community Safety Night event will take place again on October 31st at the corner of Norwalk Way and Kitchen's Lane. In answer to a question about pandemic protocol, Dudley responded that following CDC guidelines for social distancing and masking are the appropriate measures to take.

**XI NEW BUSINESS:** None

**XII PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**XII ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley Rice*

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI  
Director of Parks & Recreation

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION  
FACILITIES REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

*All park facilities, playgrounds and bathroom facilities are open and operational.  
Mowing and maintenance are 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.

**Pickleball:** Pamela Blake and John Capriotti, Pickleball Committee, had the following comments and observations with respect to the use of the courts.

- Lots of activity at various times of the day throughout the week.
- Courts used frequently by both locals and “out of towners”.
- Self-management by the players/users is working very well.
- Courts appear full about 1/3 of available time but expected to increase over time.
- No need to maintain the “Meet-Up” website.
- Recommended some wording changes to the signs re: time limits (*The changes were made and new signs are up on the entrance gates to each court – see attached copy*).
- Center net straps on each court were destroyed due to soccer players kicking balls into the nets. The pickleball players that arrived asked them to leave and keep off of the courts (*New straps were ordered and installed and some new wording placed on the signs*).
- Recommended leaving the nets up on the courts all year long.
- Long range suggestion - Consider adding a third court at Laurel Park and additional bench and look to existing parks for possible construction of additional courts.
- Player Cathy Lester said she uses the courts 4-5 times per week and that they are an excellent addition to the park. She said players manage their own time, are being respectful.

**NORTH POINTE PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**AQUETONG SPRING PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection. All 6 memorial benches have been installed.

Solebury Township Historical Society and the Community Outreach Group of ASAC hosted a “Walk In The Park” event at Aquetong Spring Park on Sunday, October 17th from 1-4 p.m.

Hunting in ASP:

The hunting sign has been removed by the Township Manager.

Nate Spence, USDA Wildlife Coordinator, said that over the past two years only four deer have been harvested at this location. The construction and increased activity changed the deer pattern quite a bit at the park. The climbing slats on the two trees along the hillside scramble trail were removed, but there are still some older deer stands within the property. Most hunters use portable climbing stands which they take in and out each time they hunt. This location would benefit from the sharpshooting program where the work is done safely and discretely at night while the park is closed.

Nate said that it is important to continue sport hunting wherever possible within the Township, even if granted limited access during the winter months when visitor traffic is slow.

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.



# ***SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PICKLE BALL COURTS***

## ***COURT RULES AND REGULATIONS***

***Open Monday to Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Sunset  
Open Sundays from 12:00 Noon to Sunset***

- ***TENNIS SHOES OR SNEAKERS ONLY.***
- ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED.***
- ***DOGS & OTHER PETS PROHIBITED ON COURTS.***
- ***CARRY-IN / CARRY-OUT YOUR TRASH.***
- ***SOLICITATION ON COURTS IS PROHIBITED.***
- ***NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES ON THE COURT.***
- ***NO ROLLERBLADES, SKATEBOARDS OR BIKES.***
- ***NO SOCCER BALLS OR OTHER SPORTS BALLS.***
- ***NO POSTING OF ANY SIGNS.***
- ***PLAY TIMES ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.***

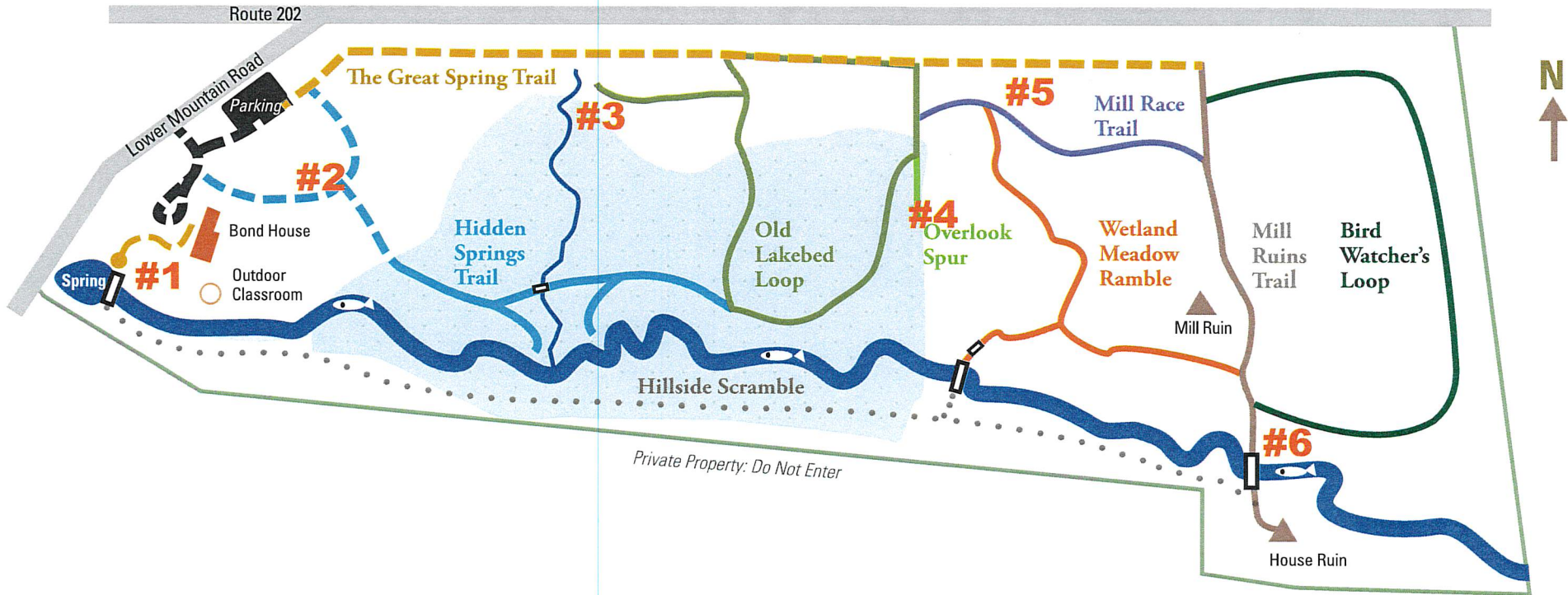
***THE COURTS BELONG TO EVERYONE-PLEASE SHARE  
If players are waiting, please rotate in when  
the games end OR every 15 minutes.***

***PERSONS WAITING TO PLAY MUST WAIT  
OUTSIDE OF THE PICKLE BALL COURT***

***THIS PARK AND THE PICKLE BALL COURTS ARE  
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
CALL 215-297-5656 TO REPORT ANY VIOLATIONS***

***IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911***




Jonas Ingham *Inghamdale*  
Viewable from Park Trails



## Aquetong Spring Park Trails and Features

Please *remain on the trails* to protect the evolving plant life emerging from the still-settling lakebed and to preserve hillside soil integrity.

The trail system in Aquetong Spring Park has varied surfaces: ADA-compliant paved, as well as easy to moderate non-ADA-compliant loose gravel, wood chips, and mowed lawn trails. Additionally the Hillside Scramble is a dirt path on steep slopes with exposed tree roots. Please explore at your level of comfort.

-  ADA compliant
-  Uneven surface, steep slopes marked by white blazes on trees
-  Old Lakebed location

-  Mill ruin, House ruin
-  Trout Habitat
-  Bridge
-  Dogs must be leashed and dog owners must clean up after their pets in all park locations.
- #1 - #6** Bench locations



SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS and RECREATION  
PROGRAM REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

**BASEBALL / SOFTBALL:**

Marcos Elizondo was re-elected as President and Jeff Staples as Vice President.

Website: [www.soleburybaseball.org](http://www.soleburybaseball.org)

Email Contact: [soleburytwpbbaseballssoftball@gmail.com](mailto:soleburytwpbbaseballssoftball@gmail.com)

**SOCCER:**

Fall intramural and travel soccer (practices and games) are in progress at all fields.

Website: [www.soleburysoccer.com](http://www.soleburysoccer.com)

**BASKETBALL:**

The New Hope-Solebury school district gym and facilities will not be available for the fall/winter season, which means basketball will be on hold except for 3 travel teams.

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM: On hold

ADULT PROGRAM: On hold

TRAVEL PROGRAM: Limited to 3 remaining teams from prior season, playing in the ICBA. Solebury Private School will allow limited use of its gym for the travel program (practices and games), subject to its own needs. All home games will be played on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**TRAVEL TEAM COACHES:**

Gary Saxton.....4th grade girls  
Keith Deussing.....7th grade boys  
RC Massimino.....8th grade boys

Regular season runs as follows: 12/17 to 12/23 (2021) 01/03 to 02/20 (2022) Playoffs follow to mid-March
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ICBA website: [www.icbabasketball.com](http://www.icbabasketball.com)

**WRESTLING:**

Wrestling is on hold due to the lack of gym facilities. The wrestling organization issued the following statement to parents and players: *“Hi everyone. I just wanted to leave a 2021-2022 season update here. Unfortunately, we will be without a practice home again this season and will not be offering the program. However, last season we sent over 20 wrestlers to SEPA Wrestling at the Newtown Athletic Club for the winter season and coach Joe has said he would welcome us back again this year. Unfortunately, his space is limited, so please register early for a chance to compete. The Delaware River League is planning on a return to action this winter with the matches taking place at the NAC as well.”*

Website: [www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com](http://www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com)

Facebook: [Solebury Lions Youth Wrestling](https://www.facebook.com/SoleburyLionsYouthWrestling)

**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 are played locally at Ely Park field in Lambertville, NJ.

The program provides football and cheerleading opportunities for children ages 5-14 in the Lambertville, New Hope-Solebury, and surrounding communities.

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

## **SUMMER CAMP:**

Concluded for 2021. Planning for 2022 begins next January / February.

## **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**

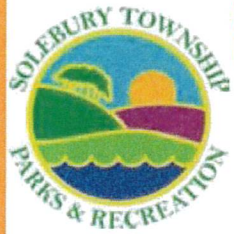
Coaches and sports groups using Township facilities are asked to complete the CDC Concussion Training and produce a certificate of completion or League certification.

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

## **LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:**

Sales continue. Since this program was started, it has raised \$60,688 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events.

Annual design for 2021 Holiday tile is in progress by local artist Isabel O'Brien and will be available for sale during the week of Thanksgiving in November.



# SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION HALLOWEEN NIGHT

OCTOBER 31 from 6 to 8 P.M.

STOP BY AND SEE US AT THE CORNER OF  
NORWALK WAY & KITCHEN'S LANE IN NORTH POINTE



## **LIGHT UP THE NIGHT**

*We will be handing out  
special lighted items to help  
make our kids more visible.*



**IT'S ALL FREE ....  
SEE YOU THERE!**

## COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

### **AQUETONG SPRING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Final meeting for 2021 - Monday, October 25th.

### **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION / AUTO SHOW COMMITTEE:**

A two-day successful Auto Show Event was held on Saturday and Sunday, August 14-15, 2021. The P&R Auto Show Road Rally took place on Sunday, August 1st beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the New Hope-Solebury high school with a total of 34 cars winding throughout the surrounding country roads only to end up at the final destination of Triumph in New Hope.

Websites: [www.newhopeautoshow.com](http://www.newhopeautoshow.com)  
<https://newhopesolebury-ca.org>

### **NHS FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. The October meeting was held on Wednesday, October 20th. Stadium Committee established to spearhead design and completion of the stadium complex including audible sound system, press box, concessions and gathering plaza, training rooms, accessible restrooms, etc. First meeting of the Stadium Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th.

### **BASEBALL SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Baseball Safety Manual and ASAP Safety Plan for 2021 for Laurel Park was updated earlier in the spring 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](http://www.winterfestival.net)