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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – MAY 28, 2020

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Liaison John Francis

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

MOTION 20-04: *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Barbara Zietchick, the minutes of the February 27, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance report. The Director reported that we are almost halfway through the budget year and the report reflects those expenditures and that despite COVID-19 concerns, P&R has a strong reserve and areas where savings can occur for 2020 have already been identified, while still providing program services and maintaining facilities.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None.

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. Township parks are open in accordance with CDC and PA State and Bucks County guidelines. The Director noted that playgrounds are also open to the public as of May 28. Dan Dupont noted that the police dog training facility construction was completed at the southeast corner of Laurel Park adjacent to the communications tower.



VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. The Directed reported that baseball, lacrosse, and soccer have cancelled their spring sports season due to COVID-19. Adult basketball, which takes place in the gym and the upper elementary school, has also been cancelled. In answer to a question from member Kevin Campbell, the Director stated that the sports organization fees would not be charged if there was no season due to COVID-19.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the upcoming events schedule and noted that all events through August 2020 have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. Dan Dupont pointed out that the St. Baldrick's Day event in March still managed to raise over \$172,000 despite the actual event being cancelled. The Director updated members on the proposed New Hope Auto Show which is still planning to be held as a one-day event on August 8 with a limit on the number of cars and spectators permitted.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the status of Committee items.

X OLD BUSINESS

Nancy Stock-Allen reported on her trail meeting with Township Manager Dennis Carney and Supervisors John Francis and Robert McEwan.

XI NEW BUSINESS

The impact of COVID-19 was only briefly discussed, since many related issues were brought up during the facilities, program and events reports.

The map of the proposed extension to the PECO trail was reviewed, which will continue from the intersection of Route 202 and 179, along the PECO line, and connect to Logan Square Shopping Center. More detail plans are being prepared by the Township Engineer.

A decision by the Supervisors on the Laurel Park Paving and Pickleball Court project has been deferred until the June 16 meeting due to financial considerations related to COVID-19.

Member Barbara Zietchick expressed concern about the number of vehicles, limited parking, and crowds of people at Aquetong Spring Park. She will contact our liaison John Francis on the matter. She also pointed out that crossing Route 202 from Fox Run is dangerous due to traffic concerns and expressed a desire that trails at the park be constructed to accommodate the elderly.

The next P&R meeting is scheduled for June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dan Dupont.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

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Director of Parks & Recreation