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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 25, 2020

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

ABSENT: Jim Trammell

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 20-05: *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Michael McKenna, the minutes of the May 28, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance report. Chair Dan Dupont asked for an explanation of several program revenue items on page 3 of the report. The Director noted that revenue for both promotional items and public events has already surpassed the anticipated budget by a total of \$6,056.70.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None.

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director reported that new safety surfacing (engineered wood fiber) was installed on the playgrounds at both Laurel Park and Pat Livezey Park, and that the security cameras at Pat Livezey Park were upgraded to newer models. Members also discussed the use of the fields and facilities by the sports organizations and the cleaning and disinfecting plans that will be used by those groups. The initial work at Aquetong Spring Park on stream restoration has been completed by the contractor.



VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. 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. Baseball and soccer are in the process of planning for a fall season. Soccer Camp will be held at Laurel Park from July 20-24 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon for children ages 6 to 14.

Pennsylvania approved outdoor summer camps and Solebury Township's P&R 4-week outdoor camp program will run from Monday July 13th to Friday August 7th at Pat Livezey Park, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a small, limited number of children.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the upcoming events schedule and noted that all events through August 2020, including Winter Festival in January 2021, have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. The New Hope Auto Show which is 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 gave an update on trails and the number of users, and the potential for links to surrounding communities and to the Delaware-Lehigh Trail system. Supervisor John Francis reported on a recent meeting to look at the broader scope of trails that would show immediate and long-term goals.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed the planned pickleball courts for Laurel Park along with the letter from neighbors Rich and Maggie Strucker that raised several questions and concerns about both the courts, and on a separate subject - dogs in the park that are not on a lease or being picked up after by their owners. P&R members also had some questions about the process since the project was discussed and approved at the Supervisor level and had not come to the P&R Board. John Francis said he would follow-up to those questions and handle the response to the Struckers. The Director said he would be working with the Struckers on some new signage related to dogs in the parks.

Member Barbara Zietchick suggested the mini-marathon for kids be considered by the person who is working with them on the basketball program. The Director will pass along that information.

The next P&R meeting is scheduled for September 24 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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