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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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

MOTION 20-06: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Jim Trammell, the minutes of the June 25, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the September P&R finance report and there were no questions.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None.

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director reported that the basecoat of paving at Laurel Park was finished and the topcoat would be finished in another week. The pickleball court, including installation of nets, is expected to be completed by the end of October and 2 benches are on order. Supervisor Liaison John Francis noted that the Township will “wait and see” how things go with respect to any landscape buffering. Use of the two courts will be on a “first come” basis for now. Barbara Zietchick said that the temporary paths at Aquetong Spring Park and North Pointe were mowed and getting good use.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. Fall baseball, softball, and soccer are in progress. Dan Morrin Jr. noted that 24 players have signed up for baseball, and that practices are held twice each week with games on Saturday afternoons in order to “not conflict” with other fall sports. Mike McKenna said that Travel Baseball 11U team had a very successful summer season and won the championship for the third year in a row.

Solebury Township's 4-week Outdoor Summer Camp program ran from Monday July 13th to Friday August 7th at Pat Livezey Park, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camp ended a very successful four-week program with its final themed week, “Halloween Nights,” that included a special magic show and guest gorilla! Parks and Recreation Director Dudley Rice changed into the gorilla costume during lunch to surprise and delight all, and get a few screams along the way.



The Director noted that the profit from this season's shortened summer camp was a little over \$4,200 dollars.

Basketball is on "hold" due to COVID-19 and the lack of gym facilities. Both the New Hope-Solebury school district and Solebury Private school are not going to open and allow community use of its gym facilities this fall/winter. The situation will be re-assessed for any changes near the end of 2020, with a possible shorter season after January 1st.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the upcoming events schedule and noted that all events through Winter Festival in January 2021, have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. Mike McKenna reported that the school district will not be running "Trunk or Treat" this year.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the status of Committee items. The Director reported that the NH-S school district is likely moving forward with a turf field as part of the track and stadium project. It was pointed out that Solebury Township Parks & Recreation was the major financial contributor to the track facility when it was originally built.

X OLD BUSINESS

Nancy Stock-Allen gave an update on trails and the ongoing work and progress.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee and the future make-up of that oversight group. Supervisor Liaison John Francis noted that there hasn't been much real movement on that front.

Nancy Stock-Allen reported on her efforts on gathering historical information, putting together a timeline of events, signage, and engaging all interested groups like Trout Unlimited and the Lenape Nation. She commented that the Solebury Historical Society also wants to be involved and might have some interest in the existing building.

Dan Dupont suggested that the eventual committee should be a broad group, and that perhaps the existing committee could be re-chartered and expanded to include more Parks and Recreation members, community members, etc.

There was some discussion concerning the Spring, testing of the water, and acquisition by the Township of the water rights at some future date.

Supervisor Liaison John Francis suggested that he would discuss the re-configuration of the ASAC with the other Supervisors and come back to the next meeting with an update. In the meantime, P&R Board members could think about the matter and that Dan Dupont could craft a recommendation for the next P&R meeting. John Francis and Dan Dupont will communicate in the interim, and the members agreed that this would be the best process to follow.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The next P&R meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 7:00 p.m.

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dan Dupont.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

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