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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2020

PRESENT: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen, 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 20-08: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the minutes of the October 22, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the November P&R finance report.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Members reviewed and discussed the proposed trail along the front of the Pharmacann Penn LLC property that will use a portion of the existing building at 415 York Road for a medical marijuana facility. There was consensus that construction of the trail would serve the intended purpose of further connecting with existing portions of the planned overall trail along York Road.

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director reported that currently New Hope-Solebury school district facilities are closed to the public and community use (including outside tennis courts, basketball courts, and athletic fields), but that all Township parks and outside facilities remain open and available for community use.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report.

Basketball is still on “hold” due to COVID-19 and the lack of gym facilities. Both the New Hope-Solebury school district and Solebury Private school will not open or allow community use of the gyms and facilities this fall/winter. The situation will be re-assessed for any changes that occur in the future.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the events schedule. The Halloween Community Safety Night event took place from 6-8 p.m., using the Wilson property at 611 Norwalk Way for set up and distribution of lighted hand-out items, in compliance with guidance issued by the Bucks County Department of Health and following social distancing. Our Police Department also participated

that evening throughout the various neighborhoods. The Snow Folk Art event is also being run again over the holidays this year. Information and entry forms are available on the Township website.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members reviewed the committee reports and the updates on existing and proposed projects at the New Hope-Solebury school district.

X OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Nancy Stock-Allen has requested that the Township Manager add her to the list of people who get information updates on trails.

AQUETONG SPRING

Dan Dupont initiated a discussion on the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee and the creation of a sub-committee. The next ASAC meeting will occur on Monday, November 30 at which time the matter will be discussed and a recommendation made to the Supervisors. Dan offered the opinion that he likes the idea of a professional facilitator for the eventual sub-committee. Members discussed the existing entrance, visibility, parking, and access.

PICKLEBALL RULES & ETIQUETTE

John Capriotti and Pam Blake reviewed the presentation on pickleball rules and etiquette that they worked on and answered questions from the members concerning hours of operation, proposed fees, popularity, events, play time, recommendations, etc. John Capriotti noted that the sport is something that attracts the older community of those aged 40 and older. Questions from members arose about the origin of the project, and the future funding of maintenance. Dan Dupont asked that the minutes reflect that no vote or recommendation related to the project came from P&R; but that everyone agrees it is a great idea and hopes it is managed well. Members were asked to review the printed presentation and recommendation and offer written comments to the Director prior to the December 17 meeting, when the topic will appear on the agenda.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Members reviewed and discussed the Concept Plan for Solebury Park (Roeser property) located along Upper Mountain Road and Street Road. The Director gave a brief history on the property and the process that led to the development of the current plan. Dan asked that the Director send any other pertinent information to the Board and that Solebury Park be an item on the December agenda.

Members also raised questions about hunting on Township park properties and the management of that program.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dan Dupont.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation