

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2021

PRESENT: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Michael McKenna, Dan Morrin Jr.,
Nancy Stock-Allen, Barbara Zietchick, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice

ABSENT: Jim Trammell, Kim Wilson and 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

Dan Dupont made a few comments and remarks, and offered condolences on the passing of Rob Eichen on behalf of the P&R Committee. Rob was the Athletic Director at Solebury School and actively participated and coached in many of our Solebury Township Parks and Recreation sports programs.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

P&R MOTION 21-03: *On a motion by Dan Morrin Jr., second by Barbara Zietchick, the minutes of the January 28, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the December P&R finance report.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

The Director gave a brief summary on the Heritage Senior Care Facility and Urgent Care medical office and retail area.

P&R MOTION 21-04: *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Dan Dupont, the Board of Parks and Recreation, by unanimous vote, recommends to the Supervisors that the fee in lieu of land be approved for the Heritage Senior Living - New Cartwheel Partners Land Development, Township Plan No. 21-604, in the amount of \$4,000 per 4,000 sq. ft. in accordance with Section 22.523 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the fee schedule approved by resolution 2021-15 on January 4, 2021; and further, that the payment be made a condition for Final Approval by the Township, with payment to be made upon the application for the building permit.*

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director reported that damaged fence at the lower athletic field at Pat Livezey Park was repaired and public works had removed the fallen tree which had caused the damage.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. Soccer, Baseball, and Lacrosse have started spring registration in anticipation of being able to play following CDC and PA State guidelines. Basketball is still on "hold" due to COVID-19 and the lack of gym facilities. The only team playing is the 6th grade travel team which is currently 5-2 and playing at the Renegades facility

in Horsham. Kim Wilson with the Soccer Club will be running the after school intramural program at the Laurel Park football field in the spring per the following schedule:

KINDERGARTEN - Tuesdays starting April 20th - ending May 25th from 3:30-4:30
FIRST GRADE - Wednesdays starting April 21st - ending May 26th from 3:30-4:30
2nd/3rd GRADE - Wednesdays starting April 21st – ending May 26th from 4:45 -5:45
SECOND GRADE - Thursdays starting April 22nd - ending May 27th from 3:30-4:30
3rd/4th GRADE - Group A Tuesdays starting April 20th - ending May 25th from 4:45-5:45
3rd/4th GRADE - Group B Thursdays starting April 22nd - ending May 27th from 4:45-5:45

Summer Camp planning is in progress and will again be held at Pat Livezey Park during July following the same guidelines as 2020.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the events. The Director noted that Kim Wilson will be coordinating the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 and that it will take place in compliance with CDC guidelines, similar to the Halloween night event.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the committee reports. Mike McKenna reported on the effort by the Community Association to run a baseball tournament as a fund raiser and also on the school stadium project which is planned for construction beginning June 1. Mike noted that a focus group is also looking at additional amenities (field house, press box, new bleachers, sound system, new lighting, walkways, etc.) and a proposal is expected from the architects in March.

X OLD BUSINESS

PARK SITE VISITS

Members discussed which park to visit first and agreed to schedule Solebury Park (former Roeser property) for March 21st at 10:00 a.m. The Director will send out a reminder email the week prior to the site visit.

XI NEW BUSINESS

AQUETONG SPRING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dan Dupont reported on the progress of the ASAC and members discussed various aspects of the Park.

HUNTING IN TOWNSHIP PARKS

The Director reviewed for the information on hunting that had been sent to all members prior to the meeting.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTIVE vs. PASSIVE PARKS

Members discussed the various aspects of what activities constitute an active vs. a passive park. Kevin Campbell asked the Director to email to everyone the list of rules that cover Township parks.

ROUTE 202 PROPERTY

Members discussed the procedure for coming up with ideas for the newly acquired Route 202 property and agreed to have the official discussion and decision at the March 25 P&R meeting. Dan Dupont suggested that members email their thoughts and ideas around to everyone prior to that meeting.

Several ideas were suggested during the meeting and included the following:

Barbara Zietchick: Community center with meeting rooms / library / passive park
Michael McKenna: Community center / gym / library / trails / passive park in back
Dan Dupont: Community center with meeting rooms / library / gym
Kevin Campbell: Community center / gym / library
Dan Morrin Jr.: Agreed with above

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation