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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 25, 2021

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

P&R MOTION 21-05: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the minutes of the February 25, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance reports.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. All fields are undergoing maintenance and preparation for the spring sports season and all bathroom facilities are open and operational. Work is in progress on the girls softball field dugouts, with initial block work completed and the foundation slab, roof and fencing to be finished during the next two weeks.



Dan Dupont noted that the Supervisors have approved the proposal by the Baseball and Softball League for the installation of a scoreboard at the girls softball field. Funding was specifically not a part of the proposal from

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. Soccer, Baseball, and Lacrosse have started spring practices and games, following CDC and PA State guidelines. Basketball is still on “hold” due to COVID-19 and the lack of gym facilities. Mike McKenna suggested trying to get adults out to play on the outdoor courts. The only kids team playing is the 6th grade travel team. Kim Wilson with the Soccer Club will be running the after school intramural program at the Laurel Park football field 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 opening for the new pickleball courts is set for Saturday March 27 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Laurel Park. This year’s annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 3 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Pat Livezey Park and a couple of volunteers are still needed to help at the event. The “hunt” will take place in the pavilion in a more orderly fashion in accordance with CDC guidelines.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the committee reports.

New Hope-Solebury School District Facilities Committee

Construction on the school Stadium Field project is set to begin June 1 and be completed by August 24. KCBA Architects presented an updated plan and proposal for additions to the Stadium Field at the high school complex (field house, press box, new bleachers, sound system, new lighting, walkways, etc.). The Committee voted to move forward with Option #2 (field house with concession/kitchen, press box, scoreboard, etc.) at \$4,573,786.

X OLD BUSINESS

PARK SITE VISITS

Members discussed the recent site visit to Solebury Park – amazing views, trails, large open areas. Dan Dupont pointed out that there are many large trees that need attention in order to survive. Members talked about having a sign to identify the park for the public and handing out maps or flyers showing the location of each park. The Director stated that those maps are available at the Township office and Barbara Zietchick volunteered to stop by and get a box to start handing out in Fox Run.

P&R MOTION 21-06: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Kevin Campbell, the Board of Parks & Recreation recommends to the Supervisors that a sign identifying Solebury Park be put at its entrance, similar to the other park signs in Solebury.*

ROUTE 202 PROPERTY

Members discussed ideas for the newly acquired Route 202 “Flea Market” property. Supervisor John Francis pointed out that the Township is also planning to acquire a 1-acre property that will connect the “Flea Market” property with Shire Drive, which runs adjacent

to the Giant Food Store supermarket and exits onto Route 202. Closing on the 1-acre property is scheduled for June to allow time for public input.

Dan Dupont started the conversation by bringing up the main idea of a community center, which had been discussed during the February meeting. Barbara Zietchick and Mike McKenna mentioned the possibility of combining the community center with an expanded library, something that has been discussed with the library board. Dan Morrin, Jr. suggested a skate park / roller blade / floor hockey rink / pump track for BMX biking.

Members agreed on a community center with meeting rooms and spaces that could be used by all age groups during the day and evening, and provide room for indoor exercise and new activities in an "all-purpose type room." Dan Morrin, Jr. also suggested a community center could be used as an information / visitor center. Trails should also be a part of any development, the members agreed. One also suggested another pavilion like the one at Pat Livezey Park.

XI NEW BUSINESS

None

XII PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

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