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## ***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – September 30, 2021***

**PRESENT:** Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen (Arriving at 7:40 P.M.), 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 21-07:*** *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the minutes of the March 25, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

### **IV FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R finance reports. Dudley reported that the Township is nearing the end of the year and most budget line items have been expended. Barbara Zietchick asked about mowing less and Dudley noted that the price is based on a 3-year bid contract price that was approved by the Board of Supervisors for the parks and that unless they did not want to mow a particular park, then the price remains the same (even if mowing is somewhat reduced as it is in some areas of the parks). North Pointe Park is mowed and maintained by the Township public works department.

Dan Dupont asked how P&R budget has been affected by the pandemic. Dudley noted that some revenue items have been reduced, and likewise, some of those expenses have also been reduced so it has evened out. In the case of the summer camp program, even with less children due to the restructure due to pandemic issues and CDC guidelines, the profit margin has remained about the same as previous years.

### **V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

### **VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

Board members reviewed the facilities report. All fields are undergoing routine maintenance and preparation for the fall sports season and all bathroom facilities are open and operational.

The Route 202 “Flea Market Property” was discussed, noting that the budgeted mowing and maintenance responsibility falls under Parks & Recreation, but it is not officially “handed over” as a park yet, pending the eventual use of that property. Information from a Township survey, which will be sent out in the future to gather community input, will be used to aid the Supervisors in making some final decisions.

Paving of the upper parking lot has been completed at Pat Livezey Park.



## **VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

Board members reviewed the program report. Soccer and Girls Softball are in progress. No fall baseball is being played this season due to not enough interested participants, but clinics are being held on Saturdays and Sundays. Dan Morrin, Jr. is available for coaching in the Connie Mack baseball program in 2022. Basketball is on hold due to NH-S school district gym and facilities not being available for the fall/winter season.

**INTRAMURAL PROGRAM:** On hold

**ADULT PROGRAM:** On hold

**TRAVEL PROGRAM:** Limited to 3 remaining teams from prior season – 4th grade girls, 7th grade boys, and 8th grade boys. These teams are playing in the ICBA League. Solebury Private School is allowing limited use of its gym for the travel program for practices and games, subject to its own needs.

Summer Camp was totally booked for the 2021 summer season and the outdoor location at Pat Livezey Park worked extremely well (instead of being indoors). Camp operated Monday to Friday for children in 1st through 6th grade. Weekly sessions ran for 4 weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting July 5th and ending on July 30th. Activities included sports, theme days, arts & crafts, music, science programs, water programs (weather permitting), karate instruction, balloon sculpting, magic shows where campers learned how to perform actual tricks and illusions. Profit after expenses and counselor salaries for 2021 was \$9,800.



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Members discussed pickleball and the popularity of the courts, and asked to have John Capriotti and Pamela Blake give a brief report on how things are going for the next meeting.

#### **VIII PUBLIC EVENTS**

Board members reviewed the events. The Auto Show was very successful and extremely busy as it returned to being a 2-day event. Sunday was the busiest, with many cars showing up to register “day of” and space was at a premium. The P&R Road Rally had 34 cars participate in a fun and popular ride through the Township and surroundings. National Night out was also very successful with approximately 250 in attendance at Laurel Park. Winter Festival is expected to reach a decision soon on if to proceed with its 2022 event in January/February.

#### **IX COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reviewed the committee reports.

#### **X OLD BUSINESS**

##### **PARK SITE VISITS:**

Members discussed the successful opening of Aquetong Spring Park(ASP) on September 24th and the planned “Walk in the Park” for the community on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Nancy Stock-Allen reviewed the details and plans for the “Walk in the Park” that were relayed to her by Darcy Fair, who is coordinating this community day event.

Benches for ASP were discussed and Dudley noted that six memorial benches are being installed by the Township public works department and once they are in, he will photo the locations and send the information around to the members. A decision can then be made about other locations where benches might be needed.

Questions were asked about hunting and deer stands (wooden slats nailed to a couple trees) along the Hillside Scramble trail. Nate Spence, Wildlife Coordinator, will remove those wooden slats and will provide some information on the hunting aspect and deer kills for the next meeting.

Nancy Stock-Allen asked who people should contact about issues in the park, and mentioned that there are now three groundhog holes on the Hillside Scramble trail that someone has placed sticks into them (to mark them). Dudley said that all questions and issues could be directed to him at the Township office.

Dan Dupont suggested that members come out to Aquetong Spring Park on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> if available. Dudley reminded everyone that the Halloween & Community Safety Night event will take place again on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the corner of Norwalk Way and Kitchen’s Lane. In answer to a question about pandemic protocol, Dudley responded that following CDC guidelines for social distancing and masking are the appropriate measures to take.

**XI NEW BUSINESS:** None

**XII PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**XII ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley Rice*

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