

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP
PARKS and RECREATION**

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – December 15, 2021

PRESENT: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Michael McKenna Jim Trammell, Barbara Zietchick, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice and Supervisor Kevin Morrissey

ABSENT: Nancy Stock-Allen, Dan Morrin Jr., 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

None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 21-08: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Kevin Campbell, the minutes of the September 30, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance reports.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Members discussed the Carversville Inn Land Development that was forwarded for review with respect to the parks and recreation requirements in the Solebury Township SALDO Section 22-523 and the request by the applicants for a waiver per their letter of November 12, 2021. P&R Director Dudley Rice provided the factual data that he received but stated that he was stepping aside from offering any opinion since the law firm representing the applicant had represented him in the past as his attorney, and that his daughter works for the law firm and is working on this particular project.

Members discussed the requirements and fee that might be involved based on the application which shows 626 square feet of proposed building.

Motion 21-09: *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Jim Trammell, the Board of Parks and Recreation, by unanimous vote, recommends to the Board of Supervisors that the parks and recreation requirements of the Solebury Township SALDO Section 22-523 for the Carversville Inn Land Development, Township Plan No. 21-606, be waived as requested by the applicant and that no parks and recreation fee be imposed.*

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. All park facilities and playgrounds are open and operational. Mowing has concluded for the season. Bathroom facilities are winterized and closed for the winter. New rules sign was installed at Magill's Hill Park after the previous sign post was vandalized and the sign stolen by unknown person(s). Security cameras are now installed and operational at Aquetong Spring Park. Members briefly discussed the issue of going back to having trash cans in the park but agreed the current situation – "Carry In/Carry Out - is running fine.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report.

The New Hope-Solebury school district gym and facilities have been opened for community use by vote of the school board at the last meeting. This season P&R will use the NH-S UES gym only and all requested dates have been approved.

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM: Registration in progress – Start date is Saturday, Jan 8, 2022.

ADULT PROGRAM: In progress on Thursday evenings from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

TRAVEL PROGRAM: Limited to 3 remaining teams from prior season, playing in the ICBA. Solebury Private School has allowed use of its gym for the travel program (practices and games) All home games will be played on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m. or Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m.

TRAVEL TEAM COACHES:

Gary Saxton.....4th grade girls
Keith Deussing.....7th grade boys
RC Massimino.....8th grade boys

Regular season runs as follows: 12/17 to 12/23 (2021) 01/03 to 02/20 (2022) Playoffs follow to mid-March

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the events. Snowfolk Art is in progress and will be displayed at the Township municipal building through the first week of January 2022.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the committee reports and reviewed the recommendations of the ASAC with respect to the future oversight of Aquetong Spring Park (ASP). Members also discussed the future of public bathrooms in the garage building at ASP, and distance measurements of the various trails.

X OLD BUSINESS

Members agreed to resume discussion about park site visits in January. Benches at ASP were discussed and the Director noted that 6 benches were sold and installed and 6 more are on order.

XI NEW BUSINESS:

Members reviewed their list of Accomplishments for 2021 and Priorities for 2022 which will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors (list attached to these minutes).

XII PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara Michalski commented that she appreciated all the hard work of the P&R Board and that the spring (Aquetong Spring Park) was a very important place to her people.

XII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation

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Accomplishments 2021:

Completed construction of 2 dugouts at Laurel Park softball field.

Opened 2 pickleball courts at Laurel Park, with ongoing oversight of court-time among players/users.

Coordinated with Nate Spence, USDA, on appropriate hunting options in Township parks along with posting signage to alert residents and users.

Conducted park and facility site visits and reviews to educate members and residents about Solebury P&R assets, and spark new thinking about their future.

Played an active role in the recommendations for Aquetong Spring Park, with P&R member Nancy Stock-Allen serving as chair of the ASAC and P&R Chair Dan Dupont serving as a member on the ASAC.

Priorities 2022:

Coordinate with the Baseball & Softball organization to assess the viability of providing a wireless electronic scoreboard at the Laurel Park softball field.

Continue to focus on the planning, expansion and development of trails.

Focus on and investigate additional recreational opportunities for seniors and for residents who require ADA accessibility.

Continue to support and advertise existing activities and facilities to encourage community physical and mental health at all ages.

Re-engage with township sports and other organizations to better understand their missions, operations and needs.

Monitor the activity and physical condition of Aquetong Spring Park to provide oversight and recommendations for the future.