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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – March 24, 2022

PRESENT: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Michael McKenna, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen, Jim Trammell, Barbara Zietchick, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice and Supervisor Liaison John Francis

ABSENT: Kim Wilson

I OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 22-03: *On a motion by Dan Morrin, Jr., second by Jim Trammell, the minutes of the January 27, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R finance reports.

Member Barbara Zietchick asked about the line item for Public Events listed at \$17,000 and the Director responded that it covers the cost of events P&R runs or is part of, like St. Baldrick's Day, the Easter Egg Hunt and things like that and materials. She also asked if the \$23,000 listed on the report was for taking down the building. The Director responded that the building was taken down and the bill was around \$13,000 to \$14,000 but did not have the exact amount, and that there would probably be some more work to be done there to clean up that site and dispose of waste materials.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Members discussed the Solebury School Land Development proposal. The Director was asked to give a brief description, and replied that the school proposes the construction of a girls dormitory on the existing campus. The P&R requirements would amount to a fee of \$8,350 or dedicating 6,000 square feet of land to the Township, and that historically P&R and the Supervisors have waived these for Solebury School. For background, the Director noted that the school had opened its gym for use by the P&R youth basketball program in 2021 and 2022 while the New Hope-Solebury school district gym was closed to the public, and had actually used their fields and gym for many years at no charge to the Township. In response to a question from the Board, the Director responded that Solebury School could have easily charged that amount (\$8,350) for use of its gym for the 2021 and 2022 season.

MOTION 22-04: *On a motion by Dan Morrin, Jr., second by Barbara Zietchick, the Board of Parks and Recreation, by unanimous vote, recommends to the Supervisors that the P&R requirements and/or fee for the Solebury School Land Development, Township Plan No. 22-608, be waived.*

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director reported that stone grit and wood chips have been put down on many of the existing trails at Aquetong Spring Park, and that any other "wet" areas can be evaluated later, noting that this has been a very rainy spring season. Nancy Stock-Allen mentioned what appeared to be oil in some areas which the Director felt was a likely the result of rain water run-off from U.S. Route 202. She also began a discussion of the continuing problem of dog refuse being left behind in bags at Aquetong Spring Park and looking into possible solutions to the issue. Following considerable comments by all, the following motion was made:

MOTION 22-05: *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Kevin Campbell the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends to the Supervisors that dog waste collection be established at the park, with pickup at intervals TBD. The motion was **defeated** by a vote of 5-2.*

P&R members agreed to do some further research and investigation, and come back at the April meeting with some suggestions for possible action.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report.

The Director noted that the 4th grade girls travel basketball team had a really great season despite losing the ICBA league championship game by just 3 points in overtime. Both the boys teams (7th and 8th grades) also made it to the playoffs this season with each winning a game in round #1. Adult basketball added another evening to its schedule and now plays two nights per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Dan Morrin Jr. reported the Baseball is planning 13-15 and possibly 15-16 year old teams in this year's summer Connie Mack league.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the events.

Kim Wilson will be coordinating the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 16 at Pat Livezey Park beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

The Medicare Options program is back for 2022 and scheduled for May 9th and September 12th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The St. Baldrick's Day event is being held on May 14 at the stadium field of the New Hope-Solebury school district main campus on West Bridge Street.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

X OLD BUSINESS

Members discussed park site visits and which ones to go to next and settled on North Pointe Park. Chair Dan Dupont will circulate a few dates to the members and get back to everyone once he has received all the responses.

XI NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy Stock-Allen reported on the new map signs to be installed at Aquetong Spring Park in April, along with more park boundary signs along the Walton Drive properties. A welcome sign and some interpretive signs are also in the planning stage. Target date for completion is September 2022.

The P&R Board agreed to switch its April meeting to Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. due to a conflict with the scheduled Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Mention was made of the survey being sent out by the Board of Supervisors requesting ideas from residents for the use of the 13-acres of land recently purchased by the Township along U.S. Route 202 between Logan Square and Reeder Road. The survey will be available for a 2-week period.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members commented on the photo of the old Aqua Club swimming pool that used to exist on the property behind the former Cartwheel Inn on U.S. Route 202. The pool facility is no longer there, but served as a community gathering place for local during the summer months many years ago.



XII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

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Director of Parks & Recreation