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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – April 25, 2022

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

ABSENT: Marc Blucas, Dan Dupont, Kim Wilson

I OPENING OF MEETING

Vice Chair Dan Morrin Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 22-06: *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Barbara Zietchick, the minutes of the March 24, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

IV FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R budget reports.

The Director noted that the contract cost to remove the building from the Reeder Road site was \$13,000 along with \$433 for septic system work and water and sewer bills. He also explained the budget lines for promotional items under program revenue and administration.

V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

VI REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report.

Members asked that North Pointe be mowed prior to the park site visit at that location.

Contracted work to refurbish the T-Ball, Robo-Ball, and Minor League baseball fields at Laurel Park has been completed.

VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report.

Dan Morrin Jr. reported the Baseball is not having a Connie Mack league team this season (at this time) since most of the identified players have gone to other team at neighboring locations to play. Opening day at Laurel Park was great and the snack stand reported a “banner day.”

Kevin Campbell said that the baseball President had asked about the possibility of an additional field for girls softball, possibly the area behind the lower elementary school.

Contractors are still supplying the information needed for the scoreboard permit, but the actual scoreboard has been ordered with an expected delivery date of about 6 weeks. The switch box will be located in the dugout on the third base side of the softball field.

Adult basketball is still in progress on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The 9-year old girls travel team had a celebration party as runner-up in the ICBA league and had a really good season in the ICBA League. Each player received an individual trophy engraved with her name.



The Parks and Recreation Summer Camp will run on Monday to Friday for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Weekly sessions run for 5 weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning July 5 and ending on Aug. 5. Parents can sign up their child for single weeks or multiple weeks. Camp activities are based at Pat Livezey Park and include sports, theme days, arts & crafts, music, science programs, water programs (weather permitting), karate instruction, balloon sculpting, magic shows, and other special events and activities designed for young children.

VIII PUBLIC EVENTS

Board members reviewed the events.

Kim Wilson did a great job with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 with help from Dan and Mary Dupont and Gretchen Rice. It was a warm, sunny date with a nice crowd in attendance.

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

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, along with the Robert Nagg Memorial soccer game. Mike McKenna noted that this will be an amazing day with lots of activities, a silent auction, food trucks, and much more – all to raise money in the fight against pediatric cancer.

Bucks County Senior Games are scheduled for June 1 to 17 with all registration online.

The Rob Eiche Memorial Baseball Tournament is being held the weekend of June 24-26 at the NH-S school district fields and run by high school varsity baseball coach Tony Vlahovic and the New Hope-Solebury Community Association. Registration deadline is June 1st.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

X OLD BUSINESS

Park Site Visits

Chair Dan Dupont has not selected a date yet for the visit to North Pointe Park.

XI NEW BUSINESS:

Dog Waste at Parks

The Director commented on the report contained in the agenda packet and noted that many of the actions that have been tried across PA (including dog DNA testing) did not have a significant effect on behavior, and the problem still existed. The problem seems to have diminished substantially at Aquetong Spring Park since its opening and so the situation seems to be getting better. Members discussed the problem and will continue to monitor the issue while doing more research and visits to other areas that have implemented potential solutions.

Signs at Aquetong Spring Park

Nancy Stock-Allen reported on the welcome and information signs with orientation board and will send something out to everyone for comments and inputs from the members.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Fetterolf commented on banning plastic bags and the pending ordinance being proposed by the EAC committee. He also noted that composting dog waste is not a desired solution.

Barry then presented two ideas for Aquetong Spring Park – Straw hay bale gardening and fly fishing instruction. Following the discussion and questions, the consensus of P&R members was for Barry to come back at a future date with a complete, detailed proposal including budget, maintenance, signage, responsibilities, etc.

XII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation