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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – October 27, 2022

PRESENT IN PERSON: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen, Kim Wilson, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice, Supervisor Liaison John Francis

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Marc Blucas, Barbara Zietchick, Associate Member Nancy Wolff,

ABSENT: Michael McKenna

OPENING OF MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 22-08: *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Dan Morrin, Jr., the minutes of the September 22, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R budget reports.

The Director noted that the Township is $\frac{3}{4}$ through the year on the budget and responded to questions about saving money by not mowing a couple of properties.

SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report.

The Director reported that the mechanical drawings for the Aquetong Spring Park bathrooms were just received and once the Township is satisfied with those, and receives a cost estimate for construction, everything would go to the Board of Supervisors for consideration about going forward with the project or not. Nancy Stock-Allen suggested that the two planned bathrooms not be gender specific (men / women) but simply that each be available for use by anyone in need.

Members also had questions and concerns about trash and garbage in the bathrooms, maintenance, and use by contractors and passing motorists.

At Canal Park, several sections of the footbridge, support wall, and PECO towers were the subject of graffiti and are in the process of being cleaned by the Public Works Department. The Director noted that this is one of the only times that there has been any sort of vandalism or graffiti to this extent in any of the parks.



REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report and information on the basketball program.

Registration is in progress for intramural basketball. Three clinic sessions will be held in December and the regular season will start the first week of January and continue through the end of February. All games take place at the NH-S UES gym on Saturdays.

Adult basketball is in progress on Thursday evenings at the NH-S UES gym from 8:30-10:00 p.m., from mid-September to mid-June.

Travel basketball teams have started practices in the UES gym. Teams play in the Inter County Basketball League. The season begins on December 16, 2022 and continues through the end of March 2023 with playoffs and championship rounds.

Dan Dupont reported and on his attending the Oct 19, NHS commemoration ceremony for the Robert Nagg Memorial Fund's cumulative donation to the future stadium. The Robert Nagg Memorial Fund hosts an annual soccer game in memory of Robert Alexander Nagg, a New Hope-Solebury student and member of the boys soccer team. Founded by Robert's teammate

Jaxon Valley (Class of 2012), the game enables current soccer players to enjoy a game with recent alumni while honoring Robert's tremendous courage and passion for soccer. Thanks to the generosity of our community, more than \$61,000 has been raised and will be donated to the future NHS stadium project. Solebury Township Parks and Recreation was the original sponsor of this program and continued its support during the past 10 years, contributing \$10,000 during that time.

Next events on October 31 are Trunk or Treat at the NHS UES parking lot, weather dependent, and Community Safety Night, under the tent at the corner of 611 Norwalk Way and Kitchen's Lane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Route 202 Open Space Property

Supervisor Liaison John Francis said that the Supervisors would consider a resolution at their next meeting to create an Advisory Committee to review the recent survey results and make recommendations for the use of the Route 202 property. There will likely be an interview process for perspective members similar to what has taken place in the past. A copy of the survey results was emailed to all the members and is also available to download from the Township website. The top survey request was "passive park", but that does not exclude other uses from consideration.

Nancy Stock-Allen suggested that this property be the next one scheduled for a "site visit" by the P&R members.

A discussion about disc golf and the uses and plans for Solebury Park took place.

John Francis said that no decision had been made yet with respect to the pickleball court noise issue and that options are under consideration. Enforcement of operating hours on Sundays has occurred with the courts being locked on Saturday evening and then unlocked on Sunday at Noon by the Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
Director of Parks & Recreation