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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – December 8, 2022

PRESENT IN PERSON: Marc Blucas, Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Barbara Zietchick, and Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice,

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:, Supervisor Liaison John Francis

ABSENT: Michael McKenna, Nancy Stock-Allen, Kim Wilson, Associate Member Nancy Wolff

OPENING OF MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2022 was deferred until the next meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R budget reports. The Director noted that the Township is at the end of the budget year. In response to a question from Barbara Zietchick, the Director said that payment for design of the Aquetong Spring bathrooms comes from funds previously budgeted by the BOS for that purpose, and that the \$50,000 grant monies would not be used until applied for to fund the anticipated construction. Supervisor John Francis noted that there are other elements and considerations involved in any decision to move forward with the bathrooms, including an overall strategy for the Bond house, and what specifically the use will be for that house since the recommendation from the ASAC was general in nature.

SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. In response to a mowing question from Dan Morrin Jr. the Director noted that only the front road area along the Route 202 open space property is being mowed and that the Reeder Road property where the house was demolished and removed is not being mowed. The Lumberville site and Suga/Greenhill Road site are being mowed less frequently until a plan is established for each and the neighbors notified of the proposal.

In response to a question from Marc Blucas about dead ash trees, the Director noted that many have been removed already including about a dozen at Laurel Park and 6 or so at Pat Livezey Park, with another 12 marked and ready to be removed in the next couple months. There is a budget line item for this work, and the situation will continue to be monitored.

REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

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

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.

Intramural games will begin on January 7, 2023.

EVENTS

The annual Snow Folk Art event is in progress as part of the Winter Festival. The art projects will be on display in the lobby of the Township building until January 13, 2023. Judging will take place on December 21st and winners will be posted on the Township website.

Winter Festival dates are February 3-5, 2023 with an entire new Board taking over and attempting to re-start, after 2 years of COVID caused the event to be cancelled in 2021 and 2022. Anyone interested in helping please contact Dudley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members reviewed the committee reports and the Director reported on the update to the proposed Stadium and fieldhouse project at the NH-S high school campus.

OLD BUSINESS

Route 202 Property Committee: Supervisor John Francis reported that the members for the committee are expected to be named at the January 2023 meeting of the BOS. Chair Dan Dupont suggested that members make a site visit to the property and walk it sometime in January. Dan will send out some proposed dates via email.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

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