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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – January 26, 2023

PRESENT IN PERSON: Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen, Barbara Zietchick, P&R Director Dudley Rice, Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

ABSENT: Marc Blucas, Michael McKenna, Kim Wilson

OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Supervisor Kevin Morrissey as the P&R Liaison for 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 23-01: *On a motion by Dan Dupont, second by Nancy Stock-Allen., the minutes of the October 27, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

MOTION 23-02: *On a motion by Dan Morrin Jr., second by Barbara Zietchick, the minutes of the December 8, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the approved P&R budget for 2023. In response to a question from Barbara Zietchick, Kevin Morrissey replied that the Route 202 property has a budget of \$17,000 for technical consultants. A brief discussion about the use of the property followed.

SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. All restroom facilities have been winterized and closed for the season. Nancy Stock-Allen reported that the research and writing for the interpretative signs at Aquetong Spring Park has been finished and gave a copy to Chair Dan Dupont for review/edit. She also had copies for the park members to read and offer comment by the February meeting. Nancy also noted that residents coming into Aquetong Spring Park from the "Hermitage" have worn a new pathway/trail into the park and asked that "Hermitage" be contacted to discuss having access via the front of the property along Route 202. The Director said that the Township Manager had contacted them, and will follow up on the status.

REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report and information on the basketball program which is currently in progress.

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.

EVENTS

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. The Chili Cookoff is being held in New Hope at the Olde Stone Steakhouse (former Marsha Brown Restaurant) and is the only event scheduled at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Route 202 Property Committee: Nancy Stock-Allen reported that she was elected as the temporary chair at the first meeting and Peter Brussock elected Vice Chair. The next meeting will be in February.

OLD BUSINESS

Site Visits: Members were asked to email the Chair if they have any ideas for future site visits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Story Walk: Connie Hillman, Director, said that the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury has applied for a state grant to create a temporary story walk that can be placed along a trail in one of the Solebury parks. She wanted to make P&R familiar with the concept of a story walk as the library will be requesting permission to place it in a park if the grant is awarded. Following some discussion, Connie said that she will email additional information to P&R for distribution to the members in order for a recommendation to be made at the next meeting.

Park Ordinance 2012-004:

MOTION 23-03: *On a motion by Dan Morrin Jr., second by Kevin Campbell, the Board of Parks and Recreation, by unanimous vote, recommends changing Section VII. A. on page 5 to read Aquetong Spring Park instead of Ingham Springs Park.*

Earth-Cache / Geo-Cache: Following a review of the request and some discussion, the Board agreed that digital marker requests would be handled by the P&R Director, who would check with other Townships to see what policies might be in place.

Bond House: The P&R Board has been asked by the Supervisors and Manager to begin discussions on the future purpose of the Bond House at Aquetong Spring Park and specific potential uses and then arrive with a recommendation to the Supervisors. The Director suggested starting with a site visit and tour of the house and Chair Dan Dupont agreed to email everyone to coordinate possible dates for a visit during February.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

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