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## ***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – March 23, 2023***

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Michael McKenna, Nancy Stock-Allen, Kim Wilson, Barbara Zietchick, Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** N/A

**ABSENT:** Marc Blucas, Kevin Campbell, P&R Director Dudley Rice

### **OPENING OF MEETING**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION 23-04:*** *On a motion by Michael McKenna, second by Kim Wilson., the minutes of the January 26, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R budget for March 2023.

### **SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

### **REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

No report.

### **REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

No report. Kim Wilson said that baseball has started and Opening Day festivities will take place on April 22 at Laurel Park. She also reported that tryouts are in progress for travel soccer and there will be 4 girls teams and 4 boys teams this season, along with an intramural program.

### **EVENTS**

Members reviewed the report on events. Kim Wilson asked that anyone helping with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st to arrive by 9:30 a.m. to help with setup. Mike McKenna gave an update on the St. Baldrick's Day activities and the Robert Nagg Memorial Soccer game, all scheduled for May 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Food trucks from various vendors will be at this year's event.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Route 202 Property Committee: Nancy Stock-Allen reported that the site visit was conducted and that the next meeting in April will be in the form of a work session.

There was a brief discussion on grants received by the Township, and Dan Dupont noted that there is a grant application for updating the P&R Master Plan, since it's been almost 10 years since the previous update.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Story Walk: Connie Hillman, Director at the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury reported that they received the state grant to create a story walk. P&R members discussed the proposal to be displayed along the trail at Laurel Park. Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey said that the book(s) to be displayed will need to be reviewed, as all things are, by the Township Solicitor in order to make certain that due diligence is being followed for this kind of things that are endorsed by the Township.

***MOTION 23-05:*** *On a motion by Barbara Zietchick, second by Dan Morrin, Jr., the Board of Parks & Recreation by unanimous vote, recommend approval of the Story Walk at Laurel Park with the condition that the book(s) be reviewed and approved by the Township Solicitor.*

Earth-Cache / Geo-Cache: Move to a future agenda for review and discussion if needed. The P&R Director to evaluate and handle all requests re digital geo-cache.

Bond House: The P&R Board members discussed several aspects of the Bond House and a process for moving forward in order to come to a decision about future use, if any. Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey said that the question before P&R is can you identify a community need for this, or not, and not to be concerned about the cost, since that would be a matter latter in the process for the BoS. Members agreed that a P&R sub-committee would be the best approach, and Chair Dan Dupont asked for members to contact him if they had an interest in being on the sub-committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Celebration Tree Program: Members discussed the proposal – Dan Dupont and Nancy Stock-Allen had coordinated with the Township EAC (Phil Getty) to get information and feedback and will review everything and give a report at the April P&R meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley Rice*

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