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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – November 30, 2023

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

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None

ABSENT: Michael McKenna, Kim Wilson

OPENING OF MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 23-10: *On a motion by Dan Morrin, Jr., second by Nancy Stock-Allen, the minutes of the October 26, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Dan Dupont noted that three members of the board – Kevin Campbell, Michael McKenna, Barbara Zietchick - have terms expiring at the end of the year and that each needs to let the Township know about his/her interest in being reappointed. Dan also welcomed new member Michael Kernis to the P&R Board.

FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R budget report. Board member Barbara Zietchick asked about expenditures for the Bond House at Aquetong Spring Park to which the Director responded that a total of \$19,001.96 has been spent to date of the \$20,000 budgeted for the 2023 year as reflected on the report. Resident Ken Mintz asked whose budget was paying for the barrier at the Laurel Park pickleball courts. The Director responded that he anticipated that the Township Supervisors would include funds for that in the 2024 budget. Chair Dupont noted that the budget is scheduled for adoption by the Supervisors at their December meeting.

SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director reported that all winter maintenance on the fields and facilities has been completed and that the bathrooms have been closed for the season.

REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. The Director reported on the current basketball program. Adult basketball is in progress at the NHSSD UES Gym and Travel basketball practices and tournaments are in progress. Intramural basketball clinics will be held on December 2 and 9, and the regular season will start on January 6, 2024.

EVENTS

The Director reported on the progress of the Snow Folk Art project, noting that all entries are due at the Township building by Wednesday, December 20th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Stock-Allen reported on the Route 202 Property Committee which will have one more meeting before making final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. A report will be forthcoming - people can also watch the online video to see and hear the discussions about possible recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held on the Celebration Tree Program and EAC will be asked to provide a recommendation on types of trees, after which the program can be moved forward to the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors.

Dan Morrin, Jr. asked about the trees that were planted at the bottom of Magill's Hill a couple years ago and a concern about potential sledding into them once / if there is ever enough snow again on the hill.

NEW BUSINESS

A request from Supervisor Robert McEwan was discussed which asked for a "lead contact" person from the P&R Board for the Sustainability Sub-Committee. Chair Dan Dupont asked that if any member was interested, to please contact either himself or the P&R Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Mintz, resident from Reeder Road, asked about the location and plans for the Route 202 property owned by the Township.

Additionally, Mr. Mintz asked several questions about the history surrounding the construction of the pickleball courts at Laurel Park. A discussion followed during which time Chair Dan Dupont gave a brief summary of the history of the courts. Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey responded to several of the questions and comments, and referred Mr. Mintz to come to the Township office to speak with Manager Chris Garges.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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