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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – January 25, 2024

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

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None

ABSENT: Marc Blucas, Kevin Campbell, Kim Wilson

OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2024-25.

MOTION 24-01: *On a motion by Nancy Stock-Allen, second by Dan Morrin Jr., Dan Dupont was unanimously elected P&R Chair for 2024-25.*

MOTION 24-02: *On a motion by Nancy Stock-Allen, second by Dan Morrin Jr., Dan Dupont was unanimously elected P&R Chair for 2024-25.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Dan Dupont noted that Barbara Zietchick has resigned from the P&R Board and thanked her for her years of service. Barbara and her husband are moving out of the Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 24-03: *On a motion by Nancy Stock-Allen, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the minutes of the November 30, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

FINANCE REPORT

Board members reviewed the P&R budget report which was presented in the adopted budget format. The entire budget report for the Township can be downloaded from the website.

SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

REPORTS ON FACILITIES

Board members reviewed the facilities report. The Director noted that work has started on the repairs to the pickleball court.

REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report. Basketball is in progress for the winter season. All other sports programs are in the process of registration for the spring season.

EVENTS

The Director reported on the completion of the Snow Folk Art project, noting that all entries were on display at the Township building through the first week of January 2024. The Director reported on the return of the Winter Festival which will include the concert at the New Hope Winery featuring Mickey Dolenz, drummer for the "Monkees" – the concert being "sold out" two weeks ago. And the Chili Cook-Off is returning to the Triumph Brewery in New Hope.

Member Michael McKenna reported on the upcoming St. Baldrick's Day event scheduled for May 11, 2024. Michael is on the planning committee for that event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy Stock-Allen discussed the Route 202 Property Committee's final report and recommendations that were presented to the Board of Supervisors at their January meeting. The Committee felt the property should be developed and included several suggested concepts in their report. The Supervisors are expected to consider putting forth a bid (RFP) for a design consultant in the near future to address the recommendations in the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed the formation of a Trail Committee/Sub-Committee and whether it could be just a part of the P&R Board, or a broader group that would include other committee members and residents. Member Michael Kernis suggested that the bigger picture is one of overall pedestrian access, sidewalks, bike lanes, and walkability throughout the Township.

***MOTION 24-04:** On a motion by Nancy Stock-Allen, second by Dan Dupont, the Board of Parks & Recreation unanimously approved the formation of a sub-committee to compile information, maps, and history on trails in Solebury Township for further study.*

Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey said he would be in contact with the Township Manager and Solicitor to ascertain what else might be required in order to move this forward.

Nancy asked that members consider trails and other ideas that could be discussed at the next meeting for possible inclusion in the update to the comprehensive plan. She is the P&R representative to that committee and said she would send out an email to members with further explanation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Rice

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI
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