

**Springettsbury Township  
Parks & Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
20 July 2015  
6:00 PM**

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**In Attendance**

**Board Members:** Sherry Nichols-Chair  
Sid Martin-Vice Chair  
Steve Wolf  
Andy Mears

**Absent:** John Kerchner  
Les Jones

**Staff:** David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

**Attendees** Sidney Kime Jr. - ELA Group Inc.

**1. Call To Order:**

**Nichols** Ms. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6 pm. She welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Action on Minutes: (15 June 2015)**

Mr. Wolf moved to accept the 15 June 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Martin was second. Motion unanimously carried.

**3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported**

**4. Communication from Board Members: None Reported.**

**5. Director's Report:**

**Wendel** Mr. Wendel reported on the following agenda items:

- **Summer Playground:** Currently 645 children registered at 9 park locations. Craft show will start on Thursday, July 30 and conclude on Sunday, August 2. It will be held at the Galleria Mall on the lower level center court. Gallery Exhibit at the Art Institute of York is scheduled on Wednesday, August 5 from 6 to 9 pm. Mr. Wendel encouraged the board to come out to recognize the achievements of our summer playground participants. Summer playground concludes on Thursday, August 6.

- **Sounds of Summer:** Dry and somewhat seasonable temperatures helped increase attendance resulting in higher donations and vendor commissions. Concert and fireworks on Sunday, July 5 attracted approximately 10,000 visitors to Springettsbury Park. No incidents reported.
- **Saturday in the Park:** Planning continues for the event which is scheduled on Saturday, September 26. Need volunteers. Board forwarded volunteer form and encouraged to support.

**6. Old Business:      Playground Project**

**Hemler**

Mr. Will Hemler from General Recreation, our playground vendor/designer for the project provided a handout and presented the findings from the first two public input sessions held at the Creative Playground on July 16. Two more public input sessions will be held on Tuesday, July 28 to help provide direction with the playground design. The sessions were held in the morning (11 am to 1 pm) and evening (6 to 8 pm). Both attracted a high number of children and their parents, nearly 200, who had the opportunity to select playground components that were of most interest to them. A variety of components including slides, gliders, activity panels, decks and bridges, net and cable elements as well as themes including castle, nautical, space and natural were made available to select from. The outcome - The castle theme was the most popular. Components such as the sway fun, roller slide, xlyofun, net plex, triple fling, O-zone, oodle swing and log stack were ranked highly as play components. Parent's provided feedback such as the need for greater playground visibility and a fence around the perimeter of the playground to enhance user safety. The existing playground offers several access points and opportunities for children to wonder out of the area.

**7. New Business:      Land Development Plan**

**Kime**

Mr. Sidney Kime Jr. from ELA Group, Inc. presented the land development plan for the Pleasant Valley Road tract. He indicated the plan includes 80 apartment dwelling units. The Parks and Recreation Board recommended accepting the fee in lieu of land for recreation purposes. The fee amount based on 80 dwelling units at \$1,658 per unit is \$132,640. These funds will be applied to District 1 of the Subdivision Recreation Fund. The Board also recommended pedestrian push button access at the corner of Mt. Zion and Pleasant Valley Road to improve safety.

**8. Announcements:** Next meeting Monday, September 21 at 6 pm

**9. Adjournment:** Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.