

Recreation Board Minutes

November 21st, 2016 6:00pm

Rec Board: Steve Wolf, John Kerchner, Sid Martin

Director: Colin Lacey

Due to the absence of Sherry Nichols and Andy Mears the Board was unable to hold a quorum in proper meeting fashion. Colin continued with the meeting agenda as planned. Colin began the meeting by recapping the Holiday Tree Lighting Event, thanking Steve Wolf for his participation as Santa Claus and handing out over 300 goodie bags to the children in attendance. The First Capital Detachment Marine Corps League also participated in the Tree Lighting Event by sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive that received 172 gifts from the community in just several hours. With the help of the Township and the community the Marines Corps also received \$221.69 in monetary donations. Overall the night was a success, with an estimated turnout of 500 to 800 individuals in attendance.

Colin then transitioned the conversation to the York Little League Field Usage at Springettsbury Township Park. York Little League has been occupying Shipley Field in Springettsbury Township for many years, and that piece of property is now being sold by the owner and York Little League will be losing their home field. York Little League would like acquire the usage of Baseball Fields #1 & 4 at Springettsbury Township Park as their Home Fields. Colin will be in discussion with the President of York Little League Steve Bartowski as to the direction the league would like to go and the compromising of Township field usage.

The next topic addressed was the renewal of Sherry Nichols, Andy Mears and Sydney Martin Parks & Recreation 4 year terms. These board members have expiring terms as of January 1, 2017. After conversation with Sydney Martin he declined to renew a 4 year term with the Board. Since Sydney Martin was the only member present with an expiring contract, Colin determined that he will reach out to the other individuals for their decision within the next several days. During this portion of conversation Steve Wolf stated that he will be in Florida for January, February, March and April's Meetings, leaving the Board short of one member to hold a quorum for those months.

The last agenda item addressed was the finalization of Springetts Castle Park Playground. On Nov. 2nd, 2016 a meeting was held at the Township office that included Ben Marchant, Ann Yost, Will Hemler of General Recreation, Colin Lacey, Mark Hodgkinson, Tom Dellinger and Abby Gibb. This meeting was constructed to bring all parties to an agreed conclusion of the playground. This meeting allowed for Ben M. to be informed of this project and bring a final decision to the direction of the playground. The result of this meeting was that the playground will be established on the current designated Township budget and current donations of \$700,000. The playground expenses will be covered by this amount and the playground will be constructed as soon as possible, so that a new area of focus can begin for the Parks & Recreation Department. Colin and Mark H. will be meeting to establish a demolition date span for the old playground, hopefully starting demolition end of December depending on weather and leaf collection. The construction of playground will be April & May, having the playground finalized for the start of the Summer Parks Program. The playground equipment will be delivered to the Township December 5th, 2016 as our Public Works Crew will be handling the delivery along with Will Hemler from General Recreation. After trough conversation of this topic, the Nov. 21st meeting was adjourned.