

Recreation Board Minutes

May 21st, 2018 6:00pm

Rec Board: Steve Wolf, Andy Mears, Sean Georgi

Director: Colin Lacey

Presenters: Eric Grosh, Jesse Heindel, Josh Heindel (York County Disc Golf Club)

Colin began the meeting by welcoming all attending board members, preceding with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was communication from the Board, Steve Wolf shared a suggestion regarding the abundance of Dandelions at Kingston Park, Augustus Schaefer Park and Penn Oaks Park and the possibility of having the public works spray a repellent to help resolve this issue. Colin informed the Board that the Township does spray each field with an insect/bug repellent prior to the summer season but unaware if there is a weed repellent that is sprayed, he will get back to the Board with an answer.

The next Agenda item addressed pertained to the Picket fundraiser and Pavilion update. Colin expressed to the Board his displeasure with the Picket Company, emphasizing the poor-quality control that has continued throughout the fundraiser. Each batch of pickets that is received, handfuls of pickets are done incorrectly or produced in poor quality and in turn must be redone, thus delaying the completion of this fundraiser and not meeting the expectations of the consumer. Colin asked the Board to consider ending the fundraiser as the experience has been less than satisfactory, and with only twenty more pickets to be received from the company, we part ways once received. The Board responded with the understanding of how difficult the fundraiser and the minimum goal was met by meeting the 233 Picket mark, with all attending Rec Board Members agreeing to end the Picket Fundraiser. Colin also informed the Board of the current status of the Springetts Castle Park Playground Pavilion. The Public Works Department will be handing the construction of the pavilion. The departments heavy summer to do list has made it difficult from PW to establish a completion date. PW hopes to have the pavilion finished by mid to late summer, with lights and electrical outlets.

The next topic of discussion came from York Disc Golf Club, presenters were Eric Grosh, Jesse Heindel, Josh Heindel. The group provided the Rec Board with a slideshow presentation highlight key components of the sport and background information, as follows are some notes that were taken. The sport of Disc Golf is emerging on the recreation level as a desirable leisure activity for all ages and skill sets, with a platform that has been established on the professional level with competitive play backed by the PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association). Bringing this sport to the township would provide an opportunity to engage our community on the friendly style of play that Disc Golf offers, while attracting competitive tournament play for the Disc Golf enthusiast. The York County Disc Golf Club approached the Township with the idea to develop a course that highlights the geography of Camp Security showcasing a new perspective and activity to this area. The goal is to establish an 18-hole Disc Golf Course at Camp Security Park, that would implement intermediate and competitive styles of play with a unique identity that is complimentary to the Camp Security site.

The York County Disc Golf Club proposes to work with the township to create a Disc Golf Course at Camp Security Park. The Club would develop and design a course that meets the needs of casual players and professional players, with each hole having two tee boxes and pin to accommodate their respective skill. This offers a free activity for the community that would increase the attendance and use of the park on a year-round basis as this sport is played in a variety of weather conditions. This course also allows for weekend tournament play, generating revenues with visitors to the Township and potentially sponsors for this program. All anyone needs to participate is simply a frisbee. As players become more skilled and competitive with their play, enthusiasts tend to acquire many different styles of frisbees to improve the aim, distance and range for selective shots. Disc Golf provides an inexpensive activity to a large population, with a typical round of play lasting 2–3 hours.

The approximate cost of an 18-hole disc golf course is \$14,000 - \$27,500

19 Disc Golf Association Baskets - \$8,259.00

Tee-Pad Materials – Concrete, stone, pressure treated 4x4's & signage - \$6,000.00

Complete Championship Level Course with 2 baskets & 2 concrete tee-pads per hole - \$27,500.00

With the help of YCDC Volunteers and their efforts with installation, labor and maintenance, the overall costs of the project would be less. The cost of this project is eligible to be funded by Recreation Planning Funds and Capital Expense Funds that were approved in the 2018 budget. Following the presentation, the Rec Board and Presenters engaged in some cross communication, answering any final questions and thoughts. Upon completion of this conversation, the Rec Board approved the project for further consideration by the Board of Supervisors on May 24th.

The last agenda item discussed pertained to the Township's Saturday in the Park Event. Colin provided an update regarding the commitment of Ballyhoo Sports and their presence on this day. Ballyhoo Sports will be taking the lead on the sporting competitions at this event, handling the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and offering new activities such as a Beach Volleyball Tournament, Dodgeball Tournament, Soccer Tournament and a kickball tournament. Having these additional games and activities will offer a friendly but competitive style of play during this event, engaging a variety of skill sets and age groups. The carnival rides and attractions have also been solidified for this event with a 4-hour window from 12pm-4pm. A concert will finalize the evening from 4-6pm. Colin also informed the board of his contact with Marketing Works and their potential for ideas for the event. The Board reviewed the price points for the company's involvement and considering the decreased SITP budget this year, it would not be feasible to hire a third party for the event this year, as it would exhaust funds that would be needed for other areas of this event.

With all agenda items covered the meeting was adjourned.