

Recreation Board Minutes

September 18th, 2017 6:00pm

Rec Board: Sherry Nichols, Andy Mears, Steve Wolf, Sean Georgi

Director: Colin Lacey

Colin opened the meeting by welcoming all attending board members and community members, then following was the participation of the pledge to the flag. The Parks & Recreation Board meeting had two community members present to speak, Tom and Diane Kearny of the Augustus Schaefer Park neighborhood who were actively discussing the status of Augustus Schaefer Park. Diane Kearny attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 24th where she addressed the board with this topic. Colin intercepted her questions and invited her to attend a Rec Board meeting for further discussion. During our discussion at the Park Board meeting we referenced the Augustus Schaefer Park Master Plan and the restoration of this land. The Kearny's discussed their easement through their property leading to Augustus park and the possibility of an additional easement to Stonewood Park adding connectivity to the parks or adding an additional easement to Augustus Schaefer Park from a willing resident. We also discussed the possibility of a walking path around the park area and new play equipment. Overall it was a positive conversation that led to ideas to improving the land. Given the restrictions of the land and ADA requirements, the task of restoration of this area will take time and dedication of funding in which they residents are aware.

The next topic of discussion was the final completion date for Springetts Castle Park. After a final meeting with Ann Yost of YSM, Will Hemler of General Recreation and Rogle Inc. all components of this project will be completed by Oct. 20th, 2017. The Township will host a small grand opening on Oct. 28th at 11am to celebrate this project. The playground will be open prior to the grand opening.

The last topic addressed was the idea of new seasonal events that could take place in the neighborhood parks throughout the Township. The first idea was hosting a movie night in

the Springettsbury Township Amphitheater on Thursday Evenings at 8:45pm presented by McCallister & Myers Real Estate Services. The Real Estate agency was looking to do some community outreach by financially sponsoring the event, but in turn wanted a 5-year commitment and hosting ten movies per year. The Board concluded that making a five-year commitment on this program would be too demanding at this time, while hosting the Sounds of Summer Concert Series and planning for other future events. The Rec Board also discussed the idea of establishing neighborhood volunteer committees, calling the program "Community Coordinators." This is a program that would be beneficial to the department and the community, as this would allow for extra efforts and transparency from the community. Actively involving the community would hopefully empower the members to take more pride in their neighborhood and following through with suggestions with effort. Colin will create an article for the program to be displayed in the township newsletter. After no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.