

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION – PARKS AND RECREATION**

**JANUARY 10, 2018
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Work Session on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of Springettsbury Township located at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Mark Swomley, Chairman
Charles Wurster
Justin Tomevi
Robert Cox

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: George Dvoryak, Vice Chairman

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Ben Marchant, Township Manager
Dori Bowders, Manager of Administrative Operations
Colin Lacey, Director of Parks and Recreation
Sherry Nichols, Parks and Recreation Board
Steve Wolf, Parks and Recreation Board (via Conference Call)
Andy Mears, Parks and Recreation Board
Andy Hinkle, Manager of Information Systems
Jean Abrecht, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley called the Joint Work Session with the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 6 p.m. He asked Colin Lacey to lead the conversation.

2. NEW BUSINESS

FIELD RENTAL POLICY

LACEY Mr. Lacey thanked everyone for making the time for this review. He had four specific topics to address.

For the purpose of these minutes, main points will be documented for each of the four topics.

- Township park fields are at maximum capacity and in high demand. Two meetings a year are held for field allocation, which is free of charge. Applicants sign Field Allocation Policy, submit a schedule and a Certificate of Liability.
- Budget for park maintenance is approximately \$165,000 per year.

- Main participants in field usage: York Little League, Adult Flag Football, Basketball Program. There are 12 plus organizations requesting field allocation space, at max capacity, Sunday to Sunday, sunup to sundown. Difficult to schedule.
- Prerequisite for field rental is that the majority of the registrants are township residents.
- Review to be made of different townships as to charges; potential to increase charges in 2020.

REC DEVELOPER FEES

LACEY Mr. Lacey had provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Districts and the Fees.

- March 8, 2018 - \$10,500.00 – 27 months remain to spend – District 3
- April 4, 2018 - \$22,728.00 – 28 months remain to spend – District 4
- September 18, 2018 - \$97,576.01 – 32 months remain to spend – District 1
- December 11, 2018- \$132,640.00 – 35 months remain to spend – District 1

Mr. Lacey explained that in accordance with the Ordinance, when funds come in from a District 60 percent is awarded to a park inside that district and 40 percent goes to Springettsbury Township Park or North Hills Park. District 3 has \$6,300 specifically earmarked for District 3.

MARCHANT Mr. Marchant noted that the Allocation Formula is in the SALDO Ordinance adopted in 2002. The Recreation Board might want to review the Allocation Formula to consider whether the allocation of 60/40 remains the right split. However, the Board of Supervisors may reallocate any and all funds as necessary.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley stated that it would be of interest to have a recommendation from the Parks and Rec Board as to what might be an appropriate allocation.

LACEY Mr. Lacey commented that in consideration of the Camp Security area and District 3, that was when the development was booming and it has reached a maximum capacity. However, within District 1, Vanguard, Triplet Springs and other huge developments are being built, which will at some point max out and funds will no longer go to District 1.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster agreed with his comment and also agreed that when the township achieves build out it would be a time to review the formula.

AUGUSTUS SCHAEFER PARK

LACEY Mr. Lacey introduced the discussion of Augustus Schaefer Park. He had taken a number of photographs which were shown to the board and the audience. He noted that the park has a standard similar to the rest of the parks that should be upheld. This park will give priority to the two to five-year old children. It will absorb \$6,300 of the total \$264,000.

The following comments are summarized:

- Easement secured.
- Important to make the park ADA compliant; by law to be done before any other improvements.
- Pavilion kept; incorporate Tot Lot; separation of the basketball court; resurface and upgrade.
- Pathway around park would give recreation for walking, bikes, rollerblades, etc.
- Update the playground area for the children.
- Updated sketch plan provided which revised the original Master Plan; more in line with reasonable budget.
- Costs – basketball courts: \$11,000 in demo; \$5,000 for resurface, patch; upgrade nets and restripe. Tot Lot minimum \$178,000 – one unit is \$20,000; estimating \$200,000 to \$250,000 for improvements.
- Additional Engineering costs, Stormwater Review.
- Need for allocating Developer Fees to provide the upgrade.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster stated that he had been on record indicating, as part of his outreach to the community, that he had received feedback from the neighbors who are interested in seeing park improvements to Augustus Schaeffer Park. He mentioned, in addition, former District Attorney Tom Kearney who had been gracious to provide an easement. Mr. Wurster applauded the efforts of the Rec Board to come to this point but still would express support for making improvements to this park, which had been neglected for years. If an investment is made it becomes a better environment for the neighborhood to enjoy.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM REGISTRATION

LACEY Mr. Lacey provided a historical overview of the Summer Park Program Registration.

- Total Registrants: 2012 – 957; Residents 838; Non-Residents 119
- Total Registrants: 2013 – 997; Residents 878; Non-Residents 119
- Total Registrants: 2014 – 971; Residents 846; Non-Residents 124
- Total Registrants: 2015 – 662; Residents 566; Non-Residents 96
- Total Registrants: 2016 – 603; Residents 510; Non-Residents 93
- Total Registrants: 2017 – 597; Residents 466; Non-Residents 130
- Total Registrants: 2018 – 688; Residents 516; Non-Residents 172

Following is an overview of the Expenses and Revenue

- 2012 Expenses \$82,755.49 – Revenue \$0.00
- 2013 Expenses \$81,416.74 – Revenue \$0.00
- 2014 Expenses \$79,554.05 – Revenue \$0.00

- 2015 Expenses \$78,578.59 – Revenue \$15,925.00
- 2016 Expenses \$91,770.11 - Revenue \$14,272.00
- 2017 Expenses \$92,000.00 – Revenue \$15,249.90

LACEY Mr. Lacey noted that the Rec Board had discussed the 2019 fees at \$25 for Resident; \$30 for Non-Resident. There are other non-profit programs in York County that have cost stipulations and criteria to meet. The Springettsbury program is completely welcoming and wide open to the registrants for the cost value. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon; Night Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Field Trips on Wednesdays (at an additional cost from \$12 to \$14).

TOMEVI Mr. Tomevi stated that one of his concerns is the liability in the program especially with non-residents. He indicated he would favor a rate increase for non-residents.

LACEY Mr. Lacey questioned whether the board was looking for a return on investment financially on the program.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley noted that a return on investment was not extremely important for him. He thought the program brought revenue into the township as it brings residents into the township who feed the economy.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster echoed his comment in that the program does not have to be purely run on the financial return on investment. It does provide a lot of benefits, has a great reputation, great legacy. Going forward with recommended projections of resident rate of \$30 and non-resident rate of \$60, which he supported.

COX Mr. Cox complimented Mr. Lacey of doing a great job with the research to come up with the numbers.

LACEY Mr. Lacey thanked him and stated that concluded his presentation.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley opened the floor up to the citizens who wished to comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

CERVENAK Joe Cervenak, 290 Lynbrook Drive, had been a resident for a number of years and lives directly across the street to the entry to Augustus Schaefer Park. He made several suggestions: clean up the grounds/better maintenance; conduct a survey with statistics; gather some grants and/or commercial sponsorships; get in compliance.

KEARNEY Tom Kearney, 51 Davidson Drive, had provided the easement off of Davidson Drive. His property borders the park on the south side and has 190 feet in back of the property. He had been part of a Study Committee on the park, from which a Master Plan was developed. He noted that the park had become a dead park and

he is concerned that there are people in the park selling drugs. He commended the board for possibly moving forward. He offered, if there is anything the board wants from the neighbors, he would be glad to stop by. He asked the board to please move forward.

BRAUN Cathy Braun, 121 Lynbrook Drive North, thanked Mr. Lacey for the work that had been done, and she thanked Mr. Wurster for his visit on a rainy Saturday morning. She thanked the board for any improvements made, as it will be well used. At last count there are 65 children in the neighborhood, and seniors as well. It's a changing neighborhood. The walking path is probably one of the top things that will be used.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster thanked her for coming.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley appreciated everyone's coming to the Work Session.

4. ADJOURNMENT

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowers
Secretary

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