

Recreation Board Minutes

January 22nd, 2020 6:00pm

Rec Board: Sherry Nichols, John Kerchner

Director: Colin Lacey

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, Sherry shared her positive thoughts on the amount of Tree and Bench Dedications there are in Springettsbury Township Park. Colin informed the Board that the dedication program had many requests this past Summer and Fall, also stating that there are only 3 more bench locations available for Springettsbury Township Park.

The next item of discussion was the current status of the Augustus Schaefer DCNR Grant. Colin explained to the Board that he has been advised by the DCNR Representative not to move forward on the project until the Township receives the Final Agreement Letter, this document should be received by the end of January. Once the agreement has been received a conference call will take place between DCNR, Colin, Ann Yost and Terry Hummel to discuss a plan of action, until the conference call takes place DCNR has instructed that the project remains at pause. Lastly, Colin informed the Board that the Playground equipment for the project was order and delivered in December 2019 for a cost savings.

Stonewood Park was the next topic of discussion for the purchasing of a new swing set. After a windstorm occurred in February of 2019 totaling the playground equipment at Stonewood Park, the equipment was replaced with brand new play equipment by the township's liability insurance. The existing swing set is dated, weathered and offsetting given the new and improved play equipment. Colin Suggested to the Board that we purchase a new swing set through General Recreation for the estimated price of \$3,260. The set would include 2 Bucket swings and 2 Belt swings. With this purchase Stonewood Park would have all new play equipment. The Board agreed to the purchasing of the new swing set as it would complete the park for many years to come.

The next agenda item discussed was a Master Plan for Camp Security. Back in in 2008 a comprehensive plan was developed for future development of the 11 acres of Camp Security Park. In 2013 additional land that boarded Camp Security Park was purchased by the township. This land added an additional 162 acres of Park/Open Space/Recreation land to Camp Security Park. This additional acreage has never been involved in a master plan, it currently is leased by a farmer who tills the land for hay and maintenance, as well as historical digs conducted by the Friends of Camp Security. The land can be developed for passive recreation, the Rec Board would like to potentially move forward on the development of this land but still considering the balance of its proposed historical value. Colin suggested inviting the Friends of Camp Security to the next Rec Board meeting to open communication about the future of this land and how the two groups can work together for the greater good. From past experience the Friends of Camp Security have held tight restrictions of the usage of this property and it has hindered the Township's development of the land. The Rec Board suggested that Colin reaches out

to the Board of Supervisors to gage their willingness and perspective on the development of a Master Plan for the additional acreage. Colin agreed to this idea and will provide updates as they come.

The next item that Colin informed the board of was the Independence Day celebration concert, it will be held Sunday, July 5th. This concert will host the Fireworks display. The display will start at 9pm following the evenings concert and will last roughly 25 minutes. The 2020 Fireworks display will cost \$14,700.00.

The last item addressed this evening was the Summer Parks Program registration fee increase for the 2020 program. The Rec Board insisted on keeping registration low to carry on the mission and tradition of the program. The Rec Board proposed an increase of \$45 for Residents and \$90 for Non-Residents. Colin agreed with the increase and will have this taken before the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Township Board room.