

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2021 at 6:00pm

Recreation Board: Sherry Nichols, Steve Wolf, Andy Mears, Sean Georgi, Nancy McDowell, Sara Kroboth

Director: Colin Lacey

Community: Justin Tomevi, Jeffrey Kile, Karen Ruppert (Eastern Branch YMCA Representatives)

The Board Meeting was conducted via Zoom, link to meeting was posted on the township website for public access.

In attendance at the meeting was Sherry Nichols, Steve Wolf, Andy Mears, Sean Georgi, Sara Kroboth, Nancy McDowell and Colin Lacey. Also, in attendance were 3 representatives from the Eastern Branch YMCA, Justin Tomevi, Jeffrey Kile and Karen Ruppert.

The meeting began by addressing the representatives from the YMCA, who Colin Lacey has been in several conversations with prior to their introduction to the Rec Board. They are appearing before the Recreation Board this evening to discuss a potential partnership with the township for the use of the community room. The background information that YMCA provided the Rec Board is as follows; the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected their ability to keep their doors open for business as registrations have greatly decreased to the point that keeping the building open is no longer sustainable. The Eastern Branch YMCA is looking for new locations to offer their services to the community. The Eastern Branch YMCA is located on East Market Street in Springettsbury Township and as a non-profit organization within the township the Rec Board believes it is important to help this organization to the best of our abilities. The YMCA will continue to find additional locations to provide their services in the interim as the Community Room for Springettsbury Township may not be open until at least May 2022.

The next item up for discussion was communication from the board. Sherry Nichols began by thanking the Public Works crew for their efforts in keeping the walking paths clear of snow at Springettsbury Township Park. As a result, there are still a good number of people walking the park even during inclement weather periods. Andy Mears also added that he reached out to Charles Wurster of the Board of Supervisors for Springettsbury and had a healthy conversation regarding the current happenings of the rec department, the strategic plan for the department, accomplishments and pursuing a Camp Security Master Plan that would involve community members, rec board members, township staff and the Friends of Camp Security.

York Excavating Company was unable to conduct any work during the month of February due to the winter weather conditions. Work will resume in March.

The Rec Board will continue to establish a 2021 Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and Secretary.