

## Recreation Board Minutes

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00pm

Rec Board: Sherry Nichols, Andy Mears, Sean Georgi

Director: Colin Lacey

Attendees: Ben Marchant & Terry Hummel

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

The first order of business was communication from Community, where Kerianne Durkin was present to inquiry about the upcoming Field Allocation meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. She was interested in field space for her ultimate frisbee club. Colin informed that they should attend the field allocation meeting and that he would do his best to find their organization some field space for the requested time on Sundays. This conversation sparked questions from the Rec Board regarding the current status of the Field Rental Policy. Colin informed the board that the policy is in front of the Board of Supervisors being reviewed for comment. The Recreation Board is still very much in support of the Facility Rental Policy. Andy Mears suggested that the leagues will adapt to the new fee by raising their registration prices to accommodate the field rental fee, Sherry and the Township Manager were in support of this statement.

There was no communication from the board this evening. The next agenda item addressed pertained to the current status of the DCNR Grant for the Augustus Schaefer Park Improvement Project. Colin informed the Board that the kickoff conference call for the grant occurred Thursday, Feb. 13 and in attendance for the call was Finance Director Terry Hummel, Communication Manager Abby Gibb and Ann Yost of YSM. We collectively discussed the grant rules, regulations and checklist with our Grant Coordinator Cheri Matter. At the conclusion of this call, DCNR confirmed the official opening of our grant, making us eligible to begin purchasing materials and supplies towards the 50% cash match for the grant. Additionally, Ann Yost will begin to construct the Scope of Work Proposal for the project. The goal is to take the project out to Bid by the end of Spring 2020.

The next agenda item discussed involved the recreation developer fees that the department has remaining. Colin stated to the board that there is a current balance of \$80,981.38. Colin also told the Board that these funds must be spent by December 2021, after doing some post meeting research I located a document "Mandatory Dedication for Recreation" that states in 2014 "the 3-year rule that Recreation Developer Fees must be spent in, is no longer." The 2014 update removes the time frame limit to the spending of the Recreation Developer Fees.

The last item discussed this evening was developing a Camp Security Master plan for the additional 162 acres of park land that was purchased back in 2013-14. Colin recommended that the remaining \$80,981.38 of Rec Developer Fees be spent on this master plan. This idea was also proposed at the January Rec Board Meeting, where Sherry asked Colin to speak with the Board of Supervisors to provide more direction given the current situation with the Friends of Camp Security and their respective timetable for their use of Camp Security. Township Manager Ben Marchant was present to answer the Rec Board's questions. Ben began by speaking upon the relationship between the Friends of Camp

Security and the Board of Supervisors. Ben stated that the Friends of Camp Security appear before the Board of Supervisors and provide information, findings and projected projects. This boosts the relationship between the 2 groups and Ben requested that he would like to see the Parks & Recreation Board commit to presenting a quarterly report to the Board of Supervisors to enhance the relationship, resulting in an open flow of communication and questions of direction such as Camp Security Park can be answered. Ben is in support of the Camp Security Master Plan. The Recreation Board supported the idea of presenting to the Board of Supervisors as this would provide a more hands on influence of current happenings and the development of Camp Security. That way conversation can be started regarding the timetable for the Friends of Camp Security and the Master Plan can incorporate the Friend's concepts and perspectives as well. The Parks and Recreation Board moved to recommend the motion of the Master Plan for Camp Security. Steve Wolf was phoned in to establish a quorum vote. There was a unanimous vote, 4 to 0 for the updating of the 2008 Comprehensive Recreation, Park & Open Space Plan and in addition to Master Plan out Camp Security.

After no further discussion the February Recreation Board meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Township Board Room.