

Recreation Board Minutes

February 25th, 2019 6:00pm

Rec Board: Sherry Nichols, Sean Georgi, Nancy McDowell

Director: Colin Lacey

Colin began the meeting by welcoming the attending board members and calling order to the meeting. The first item of discussion was communication from community, where Colin informed the Board that he had just received an email from a Stonewood Park resident had pictures of a large tree falling onto the play structure at Stonewood Park. The Rec Board directed Colin to reach out to the township's liability insurance and make a claim for replacement. Colin confirmed and will follow up with details.

Augustus Schaefer Park was the next item addressed, Colin provided the Rec Board with a cost option plan and a potential layout for the park. The layout and design included a circular walking path around the park that will provide ADA access to the site's amenities. The Board agreed that a circular walking path is a necessary amenity, providing walkability and visibility to all areas of the park. During this conversation Sherry Nichols shared her opinion that the Township has an obligation to revitalize the park and meeting the requests of the residents, while staying within budget. The Board emphasized its goal of revitalizing the park to a respectable standard but not creating an overarching plan that would be too costly, as this park only serves the neighboring residents. Also, with Stonewood park being in close proximity and serving a larger and older population, it is important that Augustus Schaefer Park has its own identity and services a younger population such as 2-5 age group. Colin informed the board that he has noted the updates that should be made to the Cost Option Plan and Park Sketch and will have updated documents for the March Meeting.

Following that Augustus Schaefer agenda item Colin transitioned to the DCNR Grant that he would like to apply for by April 10th, for Augustus Schaefer Park. He stated that he would like to apply for a \$130,000 grant to offset half of the total project costs. Colin also informed the Rec Board that the grant is a 50% match, meaning that the Township would have to allocate \$130,000 to the project. The Rec Board was in agreement with doing so and suggesting the township funds should come from the Recreation Developer Fees. With all in agreement, the Board would like Colin to apply for the DCNR Grant.

The last item that was addressed pertained to the PennDOT I-83 Widening Project and the affects the project will have on Fayfield Park. Colin presented the board with the renderings that PennDOT has proposed, these renderings illustrate the 90-foot swath of land that PennDOT will be taking from the park to build the additional four lanes needed. Mill Creek on the south bound side of 83 poses a boundary that PennDOT cannot expand on, as a result

Fayfield Park will have to accommodate the expansion. The Board provided their thoughts on the new layout of the park, stating that the new layout accommodates the usage quite well. Also, having brand new equipment installed in the new location will be a great addition to the park as the existing play components are dated and weathered. The Rec Board did have some suggestions for the PennDOT rendering, such as adding shrubs between the basketball court and the resident's property, making sure that a sound barrier wall is sufficient and that the baseball field is facing the correct direction for sun purposes. Overall, the proposed plan was accepted by the board and recognizes that this project will provide great benefit to the park as it needs many updates.

After all agenda items were addressed and no more questions remained by the board, the meeting was adjourned. The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held March 18th, 2019 at 6pm in the Springettsbury Township Board room.