

## Recreation Board Minutes

April 16th, 2018 6:00pm

Rec Board: Sherry Nichols, Steve Wolf, Andy Mears, Sean Georgi, Nancy McDowell

Director: Colin Lacey

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

With no communication from the community the Board transitioned into agenda item #3, communication from board members. There was an impromptu review of the current and past happenings within the department to inform the board members who have been absent from previous meetings. Sean Georgi participated in the communication suggesting that the department updates the park photos that appear on the website. Sean followed with that, he and his wife would be open to lending a hand in capturing these photos with their personal cameras.

The Board then moved to address the Picket and Pavilion updates for Springetts Castle Park. Colin informed the board of the continued struggles with the Picket Masters Company, as the delays continue due to the company's router being out of service. Colin also stated that he has received half of the pickets before the router went out of service and that public works plans on constructing what pickets are available this month. Colin hopes to have all pickets erected by the end of May. As for the Pavilion, all materials and supplies have arrived for the construction of this shelter. The construction of the shelter will be done by public works and Will Hemler of General Recreation Company. Colin informed the Board that he has been working with the Director of Public Works to establish a time table for this project, and with the addition of electricity to the shelter and the necessary ground work that will be needing done to bring the pavilion up to grade there is an estimated time table of July 2018.

The next item discussed pertained to Camp Security Park improvements. With Recreation Fees on hand for this site, Colin suggested making the park more user friendly with an official parking lot and designated Handicap Parking Spots, with a walkway connecting the parking lot to the park. Currently, the park does not have a designed parking lot, but there is a lot of stoned area where users park in a uniformed fashion. This method works for the low capacity at which the park is used, but when a sporting event is taking place at this park, parking is dysfunctional and unpleasing. The Board shared their ideas on the potential project, Andy Mears providing the thought of getting a quote for the construction of a designed parking lot and going from there. Colin responded with adding that to his to do list. Also, for Camp Security Park Colin suggested a trail that would follow the creek, roughly a one-mile trail that would begin at the south end of the park and lead to the north end of the park. This concept would connect two neighborhoods and provide a new recreation experience for the residents. Currently the site is under construction due to an updating of an existing sewer line, but once the project is completed it will provide a clear path for the trail, more details to come.

Augustus Schaefer Park was the next point addressed amongst the Board. Colin reemphasized the use of the future Recreation Fees to be allocated to Augustus Schaefer Park, as this park is located in a zone where there is no potential for future development, equaling no designated Recreation Fees. The park

has “simply become an eye sore with the lack of care and maintenance it has received over the past several years,” Colin stated. The park could be revitalized with the recreation fees coming in from the Triplet Springs Development & Pleasant Valley Tract Development. This is a major decision for the board to consider as these funds will have an expiration date of 3 years and expected to be received Summer 2018. Decisions will need to be made rather quickly on the allocation of these funds.

Lastly, Colin reviewed with the Recreation Board the confirmed Sounds of Summer Concert Series. The Series will run from June 10 until Aug 5. There will be a total of 17 concerts, held every Wednesday & Sunday evening from 7-8:30pm. The July 1 concert will hold the Fireworks celebration. Colin also stated that the Summer Park Program will run from June 11 until Aug 3, expecting 600 participants in the program. 9 Township Parks will be involved in the program, with 3 Park Specialists at each site and 6 Supervisors overseeing the program. With no further communication from the Rec Board, the meeting was adjourned with the next board meeting being held May 21, 2018 at 6:00pm.