

**Springettsbury Township  
Parks & Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
21 April 2014  
6:00 PM**

**In Attendance**

**Board Members:**

Sherry Nichols-Chair  
Sid Martin-Vice Chair  
Steve Wolf  
Andy Mears

**Not Present:**

Les Jones  
John Kerchner

**Staff:**

John Holman, Township Manager  
David Wendel, Director of Parks & Recreation

**1. Call To Order:**

**Nichols**

Ms. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6 pm. She welcomed the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Action on Minutes: (17 March 2014)**

Mr. Wolf moved to accept the 17 March 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Mears was second. Motion unanimously carried.

**3. Communication from Citizens:**

Mr. Mears reported that he has heard very positive comments regarding the walking path at Stonewood Park. It has been a great addition to the park.

**4. Communication from Board Members:**

Mr. Holman personally thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for their work on the Creative Playground report and presentation. He also thanked Mr. Wendel and Abby Gibb for their work on the presentation which received positive press coverage.

**5. Director's Report:**

**Wendel**

Mr. Wendel reported on the following agenda items:

- **Sounds of Summer:** Provided the Board with an update on where we stand with our partnership development for Sounds of Summer. The value of some of our existing partnerships has decreased. Although a few partners decided to invest in other events/causes this year, we did pick up some new partners. We are still waiting to hear from the Dawn Foods Foundation and Columbia

Gas. Several other partners from last year still pending. The deadline for ad partnership is Monday, April 28; however, we will continue to seek booth partners.

- **Summer Playground:** Still trying to fill open Park Leader positions. Not as many qualified applicants as in previous years. Would like to finalize the hiring process by early May if not sooner.
- **Saturday in the Park:** Plan to hold our first meeting on Thursday, May 1 at 12 pm. The partnership development for this event will follow in late May with letters and partnership packets mailed to last year's partners. Will identify new partners to pursue.

**6. Old Business:            Creative Playground Report:**

Mr. Wendel advised the Board that at the April 10 Board of Supervisor's meeting authorization was given to apply for a grant through the DCNR for new play equipment and site improvements at the Creative Playground. The grant was completed and submitted on April 16. We requested \$200,000. The overall cost of the project is \$502,074 which includes a commitment from the Township in funds totaling \$274,274 and in-kind services totaling \$27,800. Grant award announcements will not occur until late in the year. If funds are awarded, the earliest we could start on the project would be around the end of the first quarter 2015. We would have 3 years to expend the funds.

Mr. Holman advised the Board to work on developing a planning committee. He recommended a committee of nine to start the process. Public meetings should be advertised once we reach that point.

Mr. Wendel encouraged the Board to consider a cross section of the community for the committee including school officials, business owners, parents, former planning committee members, etc. At our May meeting, we will develop a purpose statement for the committee, a time line to identify members and set an agenda and meeting schedule.

**7. New Business:** Mr. Holman reported that the YAUFRR building will be razed later in the year. As a result, the current parking lot for YAUFRR will be closed from Whiteford Road. Approximately 3.5 acres of land exists in this area for future park development.

**8. Announcements:** Next meeting Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6 pm

**9. Adjournment:** Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.