

## Recreation Board Minutes

July 17th, 2017 6:00pm

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

Director: Colin Lacey

With all Board Members in attendance Colin opened the meeting by conducting the Pledge to the Flag. Once the Pledge of Allegiance was completed, Colin welcomed any communication from the Board. Nothing in specific was discussed at this time. The Board was directed to agenda item #4, Playground Updates. Colin provided an in depth explanation of the current happenings, beginning with the misinterpretation in grading that occurred. Colin relayed the information that he received to the Parks & Recreation Board as to why this error took place. First Capital Engineering surveyed the playground area to stake and map out the exact locations to where the footers of each play component will be placed. First Capital established accurate coordinates for the footer placement, but as time proceeded and the awarded contractor Rogele Inc. took over the project, noticed discrepancy in the depth of the footers that were surveyed by First Capital Engineering. Rogele Inc. stated that the footers have not been accurately surveyed to the depth in which is required for the project to meet final grading requirements. This error led too much back and forth communication between the Township, YSM, First Capital Engineering and Rogele Inc. to why this error occurred. After much thought and reasoning with all parties, the project proceeded with Hartman & Associates resurveying the coordinates of the playground, and YSM producing an As-Built Grading layout from the results produced by Hartman & Associates survey. Once this error was finally resolved, the project lost 5 weeks of time and spending roughly \$5,000 in additional recovery funds that were unexpected to the project. Rogele Inc. believes they can have the project completed by September 15th, including the installation of the Pour-In Safety Surfacing.

The next agenda item that was discussed involved the Saturday in the Park event that is set to take place on September 30<sup>th</sup>. For this event it has been the department's goal to have the official grand opening of the playground occur on this day. Given the information explained in agenda item #4 and the

delay of 5 weeks to the project, we are still on track to proceed with the grand opening at this event. As the department looks to revamp this event it is crucial that the grand opening of Springetts Castle Park is a highlight of this day. As this event is in a transition phase, the department is looking to bring forth new attractions and unique experiences that create positive lifelong memories. Colin asked the Board for ideas in helping this day achieve this goal; some ideas that will be explored are having a Glo-Run/5k, Talent Show, Dog Agility Course, Baseball Tournaments. Colin took down these suggestions and will check into the possibility of these offerings.

Next, the Board transitioned to agenda item #6 to discuss the 2018 Department Goals. Colin provided the Parks & Recreation Board with the goals and information that he presented to the Board of Supervisors at the Staff Retreat. He informed the Recreation Board that these items have been approved and discussed by the Board of Supervisors for the direction of the department. Colin supplied the Recreation Board with the department goals and objectives for their review and conversation. The main insight that was stated by Sherry Nichols is the necessity for a volunteer group to be formed that can help engage in the operations of the 2018 Programs that were presented in the Department Strategic Plan. It was a great point and Colin will be developing a core volunteer committee for 2018, that can help facilitate the additional programming.

The last agenda item that was discussed pertained to the department's accumulation of DCNR Grants and to the knowledge of what we have received as a Township. Andy Mears brought up the conversation about speaking with Tyler Semder from DCNR directly about grants pertaining to Construction, Project Planning and Comprehensive Planning grants that could have been provided to the Township. Colin took note of Andy's comments and will proceed in making contact with the respective individual and gathering the necessary information.

The meeting was adjourned after the conclusion of these topics and the Parks & Recreation Board will meet next on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. No meeting to be held in August.