

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020 at 6:00pm

Sherry Nichols, Sean Georgi, Nancy McDowell

Colin Lacey

The work session was conducted via Zoom, link to meeting was posted on the township website for public access.

In attendance at the meeting was Sherry Nichols, Sean Georgi, Nancy McDowell and Colin Lacey. There was not public attendance. The Rec Board began by addressing the Augustus Schaefer Park agenda item. Colin informed the Board that the park improvement project was approved to be advertised for bid by the Board of Supervisors at the August 27 board meeting. The project was out for bid from August 28 to September 18. During this 3-week period there was a total of 6 bidders that submitted for the project. The township will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors based on the lowest price by bidder and quality of work. Colin anticipates presenting this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at the October 8 meeting.

The next item addressed by the Rec Board was the Holiday Tree Lighting event. Colin expressed that he has reached out to Central York Middle School and York Suburban Middle School to seek direction from their band/choir directors on whether they will be holding performances this year. Currently both schools are uncertain of their 2020 performance schedule as they are waiting for more direction from their respective school districts. Historically the Holiday Tree Lighting event has hosted 2 performing groups from each school district to sing and play festive holiday music. The Board discussed the possibility of having a hired band to perform that evening if the schools are unable. There was consent amongst the Board that hiring a band is an option but changes the dynamic of the event. The event has been a family-based event with majority of attendees being the family members of the performers who bear the cost for the evening to show support. The Rec Board's concern is that by hiring a band to perform that evening in place of the middle school performances there may not be a desired interest for a successful turnout. Colin will remain open to communication with the school districts and other possibilities.

The last agenda item discussed pertained to Central York School District's facility usage for the remainder of 2020. The recreation department typically hosts 4 to 5 health and fitness classes that utilize the school's facilities each quarter, but due to COVID-19 the school district has limited facility usage to only school functions. This has halted the department's ability to offer our typical classes as indoor space is limited due to the pandemic. Colin has also explored the Commonwealth Fire Hall, but they too are closing their doors to any outside activity to limit the possible spread of the virus.