

Recreation Board Minutes

October 16th, 2017 6:00pm

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

Director: Colin Lacey

Colin opened the meeting by welcoming all attending Board Members and collectively conducting the Pledge to the Flag. The first topic of discussion pertained to the grand opening of Springetts Castle Park. Director Colin confirmed October 28th at 11:00am will be the official grand opening of the playground. Colin informed the board that he will be conducting a speech thanking the sponsors and any board members are welcome to make a personal speech as well. The next topic that was addressed concerned the playground pavilion. The original playground layout and drawings incorporated a pavilion to be located adjacent to one of the main entrance. This pavilion will be 20'x 34' in area. The pavilion materials will be purchased through general recreation in the respective amount of \$24,000.00. The Township Public Works officials will conduct the construction of this pavilion. The Rec Board also suggested the importance of the pavilion having electricity for multiple reasons.

The third topic of discussion highlighted the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony that will take place November 17th at 5:45pm at the Springettsbury Township Amphitheater. Mr. Steve Wolf confirmed his participation in the program. The program will consist of 4 groups, Central York Band & Choir, as well as York Suburban Band and Choir to perform holiday songs. All performing parties have been confirmed. First Capital Engineering has provided a \$500.00 sponsorship to the event and will be on sight that evening.

The next topic of conversation regarded the possibility of having a Disc Golf Course installed at Springettsbury Township Park. This would add a leisure activity to the park for a fair investment of roughly \$8000.00. The course design would have to compliment the flow and functionality of the existing components and pathways of the park.

The last topic that was reviewed by the board was the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and its relevance to the departments current doings. There has been discussion between Colin and the Township Manager that the Parks & Recreation department may need to update its current Comprehensive Plan to better accurately address the objectives of the 2018 Strategic Plan. The Park Board reviewed the comp plan for points of relevancy and one topic stood out of several topics that were discussed. The importance of having a greenway trail system within the Township that would connect the parks, providing accessibility and walkability throughout the Township, while providing scenic views to recognize the beauty of Springettsbury. The Board and Colin will look further into this topic and provide more detail in the near future. In the meantime, the board will review respective parks for necessary maintenance and possible upgrades. The department will be constructing a grading system to more accurately evaluate this process. The goal will be to address the needs of 3 Parks per year and quantifying their needs with this grading system.