

**Springettsbury Township  
Parks & Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
20 June 2011  
6:00 PM**

**In Attendance**

Board Members: Sherry Nichols – Chair  
Steve Wolf – Vice Chair  
David Seiler  
Steve Bartkowski  
John Kerchner

Staff: David Wendel, Director 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: (16 May 2011)**

Mr. Wolf moved to accept the 16 May 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Bartkowski was second. Motion unanimously carried.

**3. Communication from Citizens:** None reported.

**4. Communication from Board Members:**

**Wolf** Mr. Wolf inquired about the status of the Tree and Bench Dedication program.

**Wendel** Mr. Wendel reported that we have had a number of people express interest in the program. Currently, we have completed one tree and two bench dedications. We plan on following up with those that have expressed interest.

**5. Director's Report:**

**Wendel** Mr. Wendel reported on the following matters:

- **Walter's Property:** A formal ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 1 at 10 am to recognize and thank those that contributed to the acquisition of this land. A tour of the area was conducted at the conclusion of the ceremony. The Township now owns the land and it will be continued to be used for agricultural purposes for the foreseeable future.
- **Park Improvements:** The roller hockey rink was resurfaced with an acrylic material to fill cracks and gouges to prevent damage to the asphalt. The lines were repainted as well. A new three bay swing was installed at Fayfield Park to replace the dated structure. The use zone was extended to comply with CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) guidelines for safety.

- **Saturday in the Park:** The event is scheduled on Saturday, September 24. The Board was strongly encouraged to volunteer. Volunteer forms will be provided at the July meeting. Requested assistance from the Board in acquiring silent auction items for a Taste of Springettsbury. We would like to promote these items in our fall newsletter to generate more interest in the event.
- **Summer Playground:** The parks opened on Monday, June 13. After the first week, we have over 800 kids registered at 9 park locations. We are on pace to again exceed over 1000 kids registered for the program.
- **Sounds of Summer:** The concert season started on Sunday, June 12 with the Irish rock band Blackthorn. Capacity crowds filled the amphitheater for our first 3 concerts. Our partnership with YTI which included a “Battle of the Band” event attracted upwards of 400 people. YTI officials were very pleased with the venue and sound production. The numbers were comparable to last year’s event. Will discuss with YTI the possibility of continuing this event as part of Sounds of Summer. Fireworks are scheduled on Sunday, July 3.

## 6. Old Business:

### Wendel

**Future Park Improvements:** The Board recommended reviewing and prioritizing potential park improvement projects outlined in our Master Plans and sketch plans. The following projects were addressed and considered:

- 1.) Springettsbury Park (West): Add new play structure, skate park, pavilion and parking and amenities.
- 2.) Springettsbury Park (East): Add pavilion, Bocce courts, horse shoe pits and parking.
- 3.) Stonewood Park: Add trail loop and accessible route to facilities to make ADA compliant.
- 4.) Master Plans: Pleasureville Park, Augustus Schaefer Park and North Hills site.

The Board plans on discussing these projects at our July meeting to determine which will have the greatest value and impact on the community. Other ideas will be considered as well as we review and adjust, as necessary, our future Capital projects for the next 5 years.

## 7. New Business:

### Wendel

Mr. Wendel indicated that Mr. Robert High, the assistant principal at Central York Middle School, is a candidate for the open position on the Parks and Recreation Board. He will next meet with the Board of Supervisors.

**8. Announcements:** Next meeting Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6 pm

**9. Adjournment:** Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.