

**Springettsbury Township
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
20 May 2013
6:00 PM**

In Attendance

Board Members:

Sherry Nichols-Chair
Sid Martin-Vice Chair
Steve Wolf
Andrew Mears
Les Jones
John Kerchner

Staff:

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: (15 April 2013)

Mr. Jones moved to accept the 15 April 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Wolf was second. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communication from Citizens: None Reported

4. Communication from Board Members:

Kerchner

Mr. Kerchner inquired about lighting at Springettsbury Park for EYC Football. During the latter part of the season, it gets darker earlier; as a result, EYC cannot practice at Springettsbury Park without lighting. When such conditions occur, EYC moves their practices to another facility where lighting exists.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel believes conduits are in place on most if not all of the fields for lighting, however, it would be costly to install lights and cover the cost of electricity. Additionally, providing permanent lighting for just a 3 or 4 week period for one organization does not seem to be cost effective. No other organizations would be able to benefit from the lighting since we only allow the field to be used for football during the fall. Allowing other organizations such as soccer or lacrosse to use the field would further damage the turf and eventually make the field unavailable for any type of use until turf maintenance can be completed which typically closes a field for a year. We currently did not have a policy for temporary lighting. Mr. Wendel does not believe it would be in our best interest to litter the park with temporary lighting. He also expressed

concerns about liability and damage to the turf when transporting and setting up the lights.

Jones

Mr. Jones reported that the Friends of Camp Security are looking to close on the Pasch property in August. They are looking at conducting an archeological study on the site with the cost covered by the Friends of Camp Security.

5. Director's Report:

Wendel

Mr. Wendel reported on the following agenda items:

- **Summer Playground:** The hiring process has been completed. Staff training is scheduled for the week of June 3. Parks open on Monday, June 10 and close on Thursday, August 1.
- **Summer Brochure:** The summer brochure was mailed last week. The concert schedule and summer playground information is listed in the brochure with all of the other community based programs.
- **Sounds of Summer:** Finalized concert event program with designer. Will provide copies when printed. The partnership development for Sounds of Summer has been finalized as well. We increased our partnership revenue from \$40,127 in 2012 to \$41,075 in 2013. Additionally, we increased our number of partners from 38 in 2012 to 44 in 2013. Overall, I very successful partnership effort culminating with our highest revenue totals and highest number of partners since the inception of the program.
- **Stonewood Park Project:** The Board of Supervisors will consider the request for bid authorization at the May, 27 board meeting. Once approved, the project will be placed out to bid. If all goes well, the bid will be awarded in late July with construction scheduled in early August.
- **Saturday in the Park:** Provided board with copies of the volunteer form and encouraged them to participate in some capacity. Since we seem to always have a shortage of volunteers for this event their support is very helpful.

6. Old Business:

Nichols

Ms. Nichols addressed the priority park projects.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel reiterated that August Schaefer Park and Pleasureville Park need to be addressed because of the dated equipment and concerns regarding safety and accessibility.

Mears

Mr. Mears stated that the Master Plans address the issues and offer alternatives.

Wendel

Mr. Wendel reminded the board that there are no quick fixes. You can't simply replace or make alterations to the existing equipment without making the parks ADA accessible. What can be done at relatively little cost is remove the non-compliant equipment now to improve user safety which is the priority.

- Mears** Mr. Mears made the following recommendation: Remove all non-compliant play equipment at both Augustus Schaefer Park and Pleasureville Park with the condition that we develop a plan of action and properly inform the neighborhoods.
- Nichols** Ms. Nichols made a motion to remove the dated and non-compliant equipment at both Pleasureville Park and Augustus Schaefer Park. Mr. Mears moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Jones was second. Motion unanimously carried.
- Wendel** Mr. Wendel discussed a time a frame for developing a planning committee to assess and make a recommendation on the future of the Creative Playground at Springettsbury Park. It was determined that the committee will meet as part of the July parks and recreation board meeting at 6 pm.
- 7. New Business:** None Reported.
- 8. Announcements:** Next meeting Monday, June 17, 2013 at 6 pm
- 9. Adjournment:** Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.