

PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Schott, Chairman
Paddy Neilson
Audrey Reith
Toinette Neilson

STAFF PRESENT:

Shane Kinsey, Public Works

ABSENT:

Julie Gardner
Diana Werner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01

AGENDA: Adopted

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Avon Grove Lions member John Manly, Troop Eagle Scout Candidate Zach Aman
,and Chris Aman

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Agenda items are recorded in the order they were addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Scout project: Zach Aman presented the Board with his "Goddard Park Bridge Construction" Eagle scout project booklet, with photographs of every stage of construction of the bridge, and an itemized expense sheet and work sheet. Shane will pass along the expense sheet to the township office, a total of \$383.77 spent on materials. Zach and his fellow Scouts also cleared the pathway to get to the bridge.

John Manly returned with the Avon Grove Lions request of a memorial tree. This would also include a plaque, and be in their roughly \$500 budget for the Club. Eric suggested it be planted on Arbor Day, and John said Lions members would attend Shane will pick out the site for the planting. John will contact Mike Pickel about selecting the tree. Eric will contact John in February in regard to the wording and names on the plaque.

PARK REPORTS

Township Park Report

Shane reported minor vandalism at the dog park, which was repaired, and a paint repair on the bridge between the pond and the playground. Mike Pickle stopped by and talked with people at the dog park, and determined the “aggressive” dog was not a menace. No other complaints at the Dog Park.

Friends of Goddard Park

Choices were somewhat narrowed down to “Volunteer Day” and “Earth Day” on the signs. We will discuss more in February.

Trail Paving Grant

The Township has received a grant of \$111,000 for trail paving in Stonecroft and Foxchase, which will require a percentage of matching funds from their H.O.A. Shane said after the township gets the award, they will put out for competitive bids at a prevailing wage.

New Business

Ken Battin is the new Township Manager.

Coventry Preserve -We had an email update from Ron Ragan, informing us that Coventry Preserve still is in the “final Plan Stage”.

Rose Hollow update-will first build all 9 houses (2 complete) and storage basins , and lastly complete the trails.

Hills of London Grove update- the large portion of trails in front of development are partially installed, with the completion of those, and the remaining trails likely to happen this summer.

Shane is going to bring the preliminary approval to the next meeting for the Estates of London Grove , which was submitted several years ago.

Re- Organization for 2017 Parks & Recreation

Diana Werner has submitted her resignation from P&R Board to the township as of today. We recognized her tremendous enthusiasm and service to the Board over the last several years. Thank you Diana!

Eric Schott was re-elected as Chairman, with Paddy Neilson as Vice-Chairman.

Toinette will take the minutes.

We will need another committee member, and will look into dog park enthusiasts as a starter.

We also discussed goat grazing as a way to clear underbrush. Audrey and her sons will bring some goats ,and a fence and set up a demonstration for everyone on Earth Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The next regular meeting will take place Wednesday, February 15,2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Toinette Neilson

