

**PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paddy Nelson, Chairman
Toinette Nelson
Eric Schott
Diana Werner

ABSENT:

Julie Gardner
Audrey Reith

STAFF PRESENT:

Shane Kinsey, Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was tabled because no copies of the previous minutes were provided. Shane will address the standard process with Dawn. Since Suzanne is no longer with the township support for the P and R board will be shared. Paddy expressed his hope that information and assistance will still be forthcoming. Shane will be the responsible party for this board. Going forward the deadline for our agendas will be the Thursday prior to our meeting, Shane will insure that the agenda and the minutes of the previous month's meeting will then be made available the Monday prior to our meeting.

Agenda items are recorded in the order they were addressed

ELECT CHAIRMAN

With unanimous support and approval, **Eric Schott** was elected to Chair the Board for 2016.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will continue to meet on the **Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Township Building. Dates for those meetings shall be: January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21.**

PARK REPORTS

Township Park Report

The basins have been cleared as directed.

A Baden scout group has received approval from the township to place a little library near the pavilions.

In the spring, the Avon Grove Library will begin to host nature walks and story time at the park.

Everyone agreed that Audrey's suggestion of contacting Lincoln University to see if their students might be interested in working at the park was excellent. Shane agreed to find out whom to contact at Lincoln.

There may be some stockpiling of topsoil at the phase III park site as part of the construction at the Township.

Community Garden

Shane reports that the compost bin and rain barrel are now in place at the community garden, and ready for use.

The township staff will again assume responsibility for assigning garden plots this spring.

TRAILS

The third necessary bid was received for the Gouge trail bridge. That bid was the lowest at \$12,500.00 and will be presented at the February BOS meeting. Shane believes it will be approved and work can begin on the bridge immediately thereafter. This bridge will be very similar to the others throughout the park and will follow the design approved by Ron Regan, engineer.

Condition of Existing Trails

As a result of the dinner meeting we held in October dialogue has begun between the Township and the HOA's. With supervisor approval Steve Brown has been authorized to assist the HOA's in seeking grants to that would finance paving their trails.

Cooperative effort was our goal.

Grant Recommendations

2 separate grant applications have been filed seeking financing for a State Road walkway.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Shane will get accurate figures for our fund reports

Recreation fund

Park Capital Repair and Maintenance

Engineering Expenses

Shane will check our budget requests and let us know what items were approved, including the request that would allow David Sweet to consult with this Board. His input and assistance are needed as we go forward.

Our guest, Al Zevernia was offered the opportunity to address the Board. Al once again urged the Board and The Township to be proactive, especially in the area of invasive species. Shane reiterated that there is currently no funding for control of invasives, but agreed to consider partnering with Stroud Water Research and hopefully Lincoln University to seek solutions.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next month's meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Werner