

**PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2015 7: 00P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paddy Nelson, Chairman
Diana Werner
Audrey Reith

STAFF PRESENT:

Shane Kinsey, Public Works

ABSENT:

Julie Gardner
Eric Schott

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda items are recorded in the order they were addressed

PARK REPORTS

Township Park Report

The Parks report was thorough and extensive.

Pending park work now includes installing trail markers in the fall.

Shane reported that the 2 on demand hydrants have been installed. The trash cans, and dog waste cans have been installed. The benches have been received and will be installed as soon as possible. The shed has been ordered but is not expected for 8-10 weeks.

The Garage 5K run

The third annual Garage 5k run proposal was presented to the Board by Kristen Proto. It is slated for September 19th, 2015, 7 am to 12 noon. All proper assurances have been provided to the Township.

The event was approved as presented and the Board voted unanimously to recommend it to the Board of Supervisors.

Community Garden

Audrey has received approval for the 4-h youth to utilize some garden plots. Approximately 9 plots are being utilized currently. Composting and trash concerns will be addressed asap.

Kiosk

Items placed in the kiosk must be directly related to London Grove Township. The Board determined it is premature to address the use of radio controlled devices at this time. It was noted that drones are prohibited within 5 miles of any airport.

Trees

Mr. Al Zverina attended the meeting to share his expertise and concern for the many trees and saplings in the park. Mr. Zverina stated that the tall grass around the trees needs to be trimmed. Some tree guards need to be removed however, the deer will then be a problem unless some other deterrent is used such as garlic stakes. The trees need to be properly staked (2- 6ft. tall stakes per sapling) and supported with plastic chain or twine.

Shane stated that he does not have the budgeted manpower available to trim the tall grass on a routine basis. He will direct his staff to do what they can in support of these recommendations. It is important that the Township maintain the trees, which were planted as part of a Grant.

Volunteers could do some of this however they are not permitted to use power tools and hand trimming is labor intensive and difficult.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Board would try to organize an event for volunteers to concentrate specifically on the trees / saplings. Shane stated that he has the budget to provide 6 ft. stakes and the plastic chain for support. The Township may also have a post pounder that will be useful.

TRAILS

The Gouge trail bridge proposal will be presented at the July BOS meeting. The board recommended location remains as previously accepted. The change suggested by Ron Regan in a memo from Suzanne Smith was rejected.

The Eagle Scout project

No report

Condition of Existing Trails

The board is aware that some existing trails are in poor condition. The board may decide to assess the various trails in order to recommend appropriate mitigation to the Board of Supervisors, should they choose to take action.

Pond concerns

The pond overflow has been repaired and the pond is currently healthy.

The Board wants to pursue whatever measures are needed to ensure a healthy pond going forward.

Grant Recommendations

The Various grant recommendations presented by Audrey will be referred to Steve Brown for possible pursuit by the Township

Review Board Membership

Paddy Nelson has indicated that his wife, Toinette may be interested in joining the Board. She plans to attend the next meeting.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

The figures listed on the agenda referencing remaining funds are apparently incorrect. Shane will have corrected figures provided for the next meeting.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next month's meeting will be held Wednesday, July15, 2015 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Werner