

**PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paddy Nelson, Chairman
Eric Schott
Diana Werner
Audrey Reith
Guest, Antoinette Nelson

STAFF PRESENT:

Shane Kinsey, Public Works

ABSENT:

Julie Gardner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 15th meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda items are recorded in the order they were addressed

PARK REPORTS

Township Park Report

The Parks report was brief. Most things are going well and under control. Some vandalism has been an issue. The Board recommended the township pursue a way to curb this, perhaps by installing trail cameras. Shane will look into various ideas.

Community Garden

A community planting day took place on August 15, 2015. It was well attended and successful. A Garden Class will be held at the Park Garden on August 25, 2015. Thanks to Suzanne Smith for all her efforts on behalf of the Community Garden.

TRAILS

Ron Regan is working on DEP approval for a slightly different location for the Gouge trail bridge that would keep it out of the wetland area.

The Hills of London Grove development is moving ahead with a different developer. The New developer is following through with the planned trails.

The board is working toward posting updated, specific trail maps and posters in the two kiosks. Shane will follow up on better maps during the winter and we will post maps and flyers in the early spring hoping to increase awareness and usage of the township trails.

TREE MAINTENANCE

Thanks to volunteers and leadership from Al Zeverna and Eric Schott, many trees in the park have been rescued. Even though a 45% loss rate is factored into the planting of the trees, the volunteers are saving many. Audrey looked into information regarding the Tree Tenders organization. It was decided to table that for now. However the Board is considering hosting an event to support the trees on / Arbor Day in the spring of 2016.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

HOA DINNER MEETING

A dinner meeting hosted by the BOS, Parks and Recreation and the EAC has been approved. This meeting will cordially invite HOA leaders from approximately 11 developments, some supervisors, staff and advisory board members from Parks and Recreation and the EAC. It could number 40 + guests and will be held in the big meeting room at the township. Suzanne Smith will cater the event. David Sweet will attend in support of the trails vision. Eric will work with the Township Staff to find a viable date for this. At this meeting Parks and Recreation Board hopes to educate the various HOA leadership regarding the vision and importance of the township trails system and garner their support for continued improvement and maintenance.

BUDGET

Per a memo from Steve Brown, Township Manager, The Board has been asked to submit budget request for 2016 by September 11, 2015.

After some discussion it was determined that Diana Werner will submit the budget request via separate e-mail by Sept. 11, 2015. **Our objective regarding the 2016 Budget is to encourage the Board of Supervisors to allocate sufficient funding to maintain Goddard Park to the standards the residents expect and appreciate.**

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next month's meeting will be held Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Werner