

Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) Minutes

Springfield Township, Bucks County

2320 Township Road

Quakertown, PA 18951

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Meeting Date: May 8, 2017

1.) Attendees:

PRB Members Present: Sue Ziegler (Chairperson), Doug Litzenberger (Vice Chairperson), Frank Hollenbach, Bill Ryker, Sandy Rice (Recording Secretary)

Also Present: Michael Brown (Township Manager)

2.) Call to Order – Chairperson Ziegler called the meeting to order.

3.) Pledge of Allegiance

4.) Minutes

5.) Chair Comment: Mrs. Ziegler commented on the board's field trip to the PP and L property site. Members of the trip had difficulty locating the stakes where we could enter the property. We could not use the driveway because we encountered a do not enter sign. Mr. Long walked into the wooded area and said it was a wet lands. At this point the property does not look promising.

6.) Signage for Peppermint Park: Mrs. Ziegler led a discussion with Mr. Reimann and Ms. Yearwood, two members of the EAC. Ms. Yearwood handed out some signage that could be used in the park after chemicals were applied. The EAC felt that we needed larger signage to inform the public about the why the park was closed. .Mr. Hollenbach suggested a sign be placed on the chain that is across the driveway. Ms. Yearwood suggested a yellow sign for caution. Mrs. Rice commented that there were still several people using the park with the old signage and the chain being across the entrance. A decision was made to purchase a metal sign approximate size 11" by17". Mr. Brown will either make or purchase the sign. Mrs. Ziegler stated that were signs of horseback riding in the park, which is disallowed. The decision for any further signage about the horses would be tabled for the present time.

7.) Township Survey: Mr. Hollenbach led a discussion about the township survey. He is now gathering the questions and putting them in draft form and poster sign. He suggested placing the signs at the three township polling places to let residents know of the up- coming survey.

8.) Tobin Sculpture. The board was not interested in pursuing this idea any further.

9.) Lime Kiln: Mr. Hollenbach will contact Mr. Bean and Mr. Bongiovanni about metal detecting. He also stated he would like to get copies to various ABC's about the presentation. The EACV, Historic Society and commission and the BOS would receive copies of the power point presentation. A discussion was held about the differences between preservation and restoration. The Historic Society had previously said they would donate \$500.00 and PRB would donate \$7500.00 from open space fund for the restoration. Mr. Brown said he would get bids out for the tree removal at the kiln site.

10.)Trail Update: Mr. Hollenbach led the discussion, Mr. Brown informed the board that the county is going to forge ahead with the boardwalk over the wetlands.

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11.)PRB Comments: Mr. Hollenbach spoke with members of the Passer Community Center about sending event information to the township so it would be placed on the township web site .Mr. Hollenbach questioned if the O and M plan should be posted on the web site. He also said he wrote a letter of inquiry to see if we could acquire some hybrid Chestnut Trees to plant in the park. These trees are from the American Chestnut Foundation and perhaps could be planted by the wood lot. Some information on the Neusch Fund was shared. Mr. Ryker volunteered to weed whack at the park, he will trim the grass around the signage and the fore bays.

12.)Adjournment; Mr. Litzenberger motioned to adjourn, Mr. Ryker second. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Rice
PRB Recording Secretary
Next Meeting 7:30 PM June 12, 017

Sandra Rice approved 6/12/2017