

Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) Minutes

Springfield Township, Bucks County

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Meeting Date: August 14, 2017

1.) Attendees:

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

Also Present: Michael Brown (Township Manager)

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

3.) Pledge of Allegiance

4.) Minutes: Minutes were approved with additions

5.) Manager Update: Mr. Brown led a lengthy discussion of how to honor township citizens that have done extensive work in the township and have passed. This discussion came to fruition because of Hans Reimann's untimely death and also another recent death. The PRB wants to develop a policy about plaques on benched and who would qualify for such an honor. The PRB will work on a policy regarding who qualifies for this type of recognition. Mr. Hollenbach informed the board that the Saucon Trail has parameters about memorials on benches. He will come up with a draft to be used for this purpose.

6.) Chair comment: Mrs. Ziegler told the board that she and Mrs. Rice met with Mr. Nilsen to discuss the PRB part in the township's forthcoming anniversary celebration. They came up with a date for the PRB celebration of July 21, 2017 and a rain date of July 28, 2017. Our theme will be "The Future", they will try to have more ideas by the October Meeting. Mrs. Ziegler and Mrs. Rice went to the park to get a visual of where the kiosk would be placed and an approximation of the size. The location was determined by sight lines. Mr. Hollenbach made a motion to approve the drawings that were submitted by Luke Passerini, (he is the Eagle Scout candidate that will be constructing the kiosk), and Mr. Litzenberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

7.) Public Comment: Mr. Zack Boyd, the Eagle Scout that created the trail through the wood lot suggested naming the woodland trail in honor of Hans Reimann, he stated that Hans laid out about 90% of the trail.

8.) Business: Mr. Bongiovanni one of the men that runs a free metal detection service to the public came and gave an extensive overview of the service they provide. They will use metal detectors to scan the soil looking for artifacts both historical and every day. They run a business called Pa Recovery Service. They give the land owner all artifacts that they uncover, he stated that most of the artifacts are found 4 to 6 inches below the ground. They would visit the lime kiln site before the area is seeded. Mr. Brown said he would have the contractor hold off seeding the site until the beginning of September.

9.) Bench/ Garden Memorial: The PRB, EAC, Cooks Creek Watershed began having a conversation about what kind of memorial would be appropriate for Mr. Reimann. Supervisor Long and Mr. Nilsen and many others, agreed that something should be done to honor his work for the township. The Fire Dept. Auxiliary would like to make a donation for a memorial bench. The placement of the bench will be determined. Mr. Nielson thought under one of the trees would be nice. He suggested getting the herbicide "crossbow" to get rid of the poison ivy, it will only be applied on the poison there by not harming other vegetation. It was thought that all the EAC, Cooks Creek Watershed, Fire Company Auxiliary, PRB, and OSC should get together to get ideas for some kind of memorial and then work on it together. Mrs. Ziegler will be the representative for PRB. The goal is to have some type of

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memorial ready by Earth Day 2018. Mr. Litzenberger made a motion to accept the donation to purchase a bench in honor of Mr. Reimann. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 10.) Lime Kiln Update: Mr. Passerini shored up the opening of the lime kiln for \$150.00. He and his oldest son charged only for materials, they did the work for free. The work was much appreciated by the PRB and Township. The vegetation was cleared, it will not be reseeded until after Labor Day. Mr. Wozniak said that in respect for the work on the kiln, that if we only repoint the kiln it would take one or two men a week, to do more work than stabilize it would take 3 or 4 workers a month. With that in mind the PRB will ask for quotes for the less expensive stabilization and repointing. Mr. Brown will get bids for the work. Mr. Hollenbach suggested some type of fence for the top of the kiln. Mr. Biovgiovanni has a friend who might be able to donate a small fence that would fill our needs.
- 11.) Budget Request 2018: Mr. Litzenberger would not be available to address the board on Aug, 22nd. Mr. Litzenberger will present the budget request at a later date. The lime kiln work will come out of the PRB budget, it will not affect the general budget.
- 12.) Park Usage Count: Mrs. Ziegler and Mrs. Rice, discussed the count. The police have a game cam that was attached to the entrance sign from August thru mid - October. They will still have to review the pictures to determine usage.
- 13.) Trail Update: Mr. Hollenbach gave us an update on the trail. He said Quakertown put in a new kiosk. He stated that Cherry Road would become a trail head and that Richland Township would be the custodian .He said there was some brush cut from the trail .He stated that Bucks county does not want to take an active role in managing the trail, they will do major work but then it becomes township problem. Mr. Hollenbach feels Springfield should take the lead in creating a trail over sight committee. He will contact Mr. Jarrett and see if they can find the agreement that formed the Saucon Rail oversight committee. He said each municipality gives about 2 thousand dollars a year. They now have a web site up and running where most work is done by volunteers. Mr. Hollenbach will give Mr. Brown info for the Highland Trails Steering Group web site. Mr. Hollenbach still has concerns over the wetlands designation of part of the trail in Springfield. Mr. Brown said any complaint about the designation would be more effective if it came from the county, this is something they don't seem to be concerned with. Mr. Brown went over a report from Paul Gordon from PA DCED, there was a question regarding the grant application. They questioned who was signing the lease for the corridor and the proposed trail head at Shelly. They wanted a minimum lease term of 25 years for properties not owned by the grant applicants. He got them to pull out that part of the grant application and just move ahead with submission for trail head signage and mile markers etc. The reduced price is \$5,120 to \$6,550 vs the original amount of \$11,670.
- 14.) Other: Some members of PRB were wondering if we could get someone to champion bird watching in the park. Adjournment: Mr. Litzenberger made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Ziegler seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Rice
PRB Recording Secretary

Next Meeting September 11, 2017 7:30 PM

Minutes Approved: Approved with corrections August 15,2017

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