

# **EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MEETING MINUTES– December 5, 2022**

### **Board Members Present:**

Yvonne Sharrow, Laurie Reichert, Stacy Dove, Angela Bard-Well, Karen Henry, Kirby Reichert

**Absent:** Zach Jackson

**Guests:** Marissa Chew representing Grantville Fire Company  
Becki Oller -Township Supervisor

**Parks & Rec Director:** Becky Richards

### **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

Motion to approve minutes, as corrected, from the November 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting by Stacy Dove, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 6-0.

Receipts and Expenditures YTD through November 30th reviewed.

### **Discussion** on potential joint Halloween event with Grantville Fire Company for 10-21-23:

- a. Potential option to replace the annual Halloween Parade.
- b. Use the carnival grounds as the venue. Suggested hours: 5P-9P.
- c. Several activities for all ages.
- d. Turn the “wheel house” into a haunted house with connected rooms that would allow each organization to decorate their room with theme of choice. Look for a potential sponsor to offset costs.
- e. Organizations from the Community can participate.
- f. Suggested activities would include, but not limited to:
  - i. Games
  - ii. Trunk or treat
  - iii. Pumpkin chuckin’ – slingshot
  - iv. Pumpkin carving
  - v. Hayride
  - vi. Funnel cakes and other concessions

### **Continuation of Business:**

#### **1. Youth Sports Complex portable toilet.**

- a. Walters Septic decreased rental fee for 2023: \$248/month. No fuel surcharge. Can remove toilets for weeks at a time if desired.
- b. Tillet’s cost would be \$256/month.
- c. Decision to remove toilets from the Parks for winter.

**2. Youth Sports Complex Sign.**

- a. Board reviewed revised design options from Stoner Graphix.
- b. Board chose "Option A" with the understanding it might have to be mounted on the fence and not on the poles as shown in designs.

**3. Schedule of 2023 Events & Programming.**

- a. Review ideas and make suggestions.
- b. Make sure we have enough volunteers to assist.
- c. Consider corporate sponsorships to offset costs and provide additional volunteers.

**4. PA Master Naturalist course.**

- a. April – May, 2023.
- b. Becky working with their office to update agreement.

**5. Geocells for the Main Park.**

- a. Can be installed on trails to help alleviate ponding.
- b. Purchased for the Nature Park.

**Old Business:**

- 1. **Turf Management Quotes** – (5) received. Undergoing review.
- 2. **Tree Lighting-** Went well. Good turnout. Suggestions for next year:
  - a. Limit number of snacks. Do not use Styrofoam cups.
  - b. Change time of event: 6:30 – 8P. 12/1/23 (tentative)
  - c. Review logistics so craft tables start *after* tree lighting.
- 3. **Wreath Making-** Went well. 36 participants. Plenty of greens. Suggestions for next year:
  - a. Separate weekend for this event – space out our (3) events.
  - b. Keep it daytime. Saturday morning: 12/9/23 (tentative)
  - c. Stay with (1) session for now. Turned 3 people away.
  - d. Becky to pick up some décor items for next year.
- 4. **Gaming grant** – Will hear in March, 2023 for purchasing tool cat.
- 5. Plan preparations for **Community Park Redevelopment Project** to go to DCNR for approval.
- 6. Review of **short and long-term goals** with Parks & Recreation Board. Perhaps at next meeting.
- 7. **Senior Programming for 2023.** Becky working with Autumn Leaves and seniors to schedule programming for their luncheons.
- 8. **Becky working with International Assoc. of Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers** on an AAA Safe Driving Course for seniors. Potential Scams & Fraud program next year open to all ages.
- 9. **Township newsletter and directory** submitted to PSAT competition.

**Recommendation:** Improve meeting efficiency and reduce duplication of reporting if possible.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. **Santa Breakfast** – (12/10/22): 8A -10A.
  - a. Lions Club to help.
  - b. Becky has list of necessary supplies: food, etc.
2. **Coloring Contest**- Were judged by the Board for Santa Breakfast.
3. **Tai Chi** taking a break for December. Restarts in January.
4. **Step into Snowshoeing** (1/14/23) 1P. NO volunteers needed.
5. **Puzzle Competition** (1/21/23) 6-8:30P. 1-2 Volunteers, please.
6. **Indoor Yard Sale** (2/4/23) 8A -12N. No volunteers needed.
7. **Valentine's Day Party** (2/10/23) 6-7:30P OR 6:30-8P. Volunteers needed.
8. **Easter Egg Hunt with VFW?** Check with Lions Club after Santa Breakfast.

2021 Goals with tentative completion dates:

- Open some nature trails in the Nature Park by 6-1-21. **COMPLETED.**
- Install a Park Sign at Nature Park entrance that matches the Main Park sign. **COMPLETED.**
- Improve trails at Main Park to prevent them from washing out and be ADA accessible. In process.
- Finish trail extension in the Main Park by 6-1-21.

**2022 Goals:**

- Replace small stage at Main Park, (likely grant dependent).
- Replace playground equipment, (likely grant dependent).

**3-5 Year Goals:**

- Develop Master Plan for Nature Park property.
- Dog Park.
- Redo tennis courts.
- Repair and renovate pavilion at the Nature Park.
- Connect the northern and southern sides of the Main Park with a box culvert bridge.
- Connect the Main Park with the Nature Park in a safe manner. Painting crosswalk on Old Jonestown Rd., etc. (needs twp. ordinance for crosswalk starts with lee, requires traffic study in house)

**Park & Rec Board Member Terms (Expiration):**

Karen Henry (Pres.)	12-31-26
Stacy Dove	12-31-26
Angela Bard-Welt	12-31-22
Kirby Reichert Jr.	12-31-23
Zach Jackson	12-31-23
Laurie Reichert	12-31-25
Yvonne Sharrow	12-31-25

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 P.M.**

Laurie Reichert made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Stacy Dove.  
Approved: 6-0.

**Next Park and Rec Board Meeting:**

Upcoming Meeting: January 2, 2023

(LR)