

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES– January 9, 2023

Board Members Present:

Yvonne Sharrow, Laurie Reichert, Angela Bard-Welt, Karen Henry, Kirby Reichert

Absent: Zach Jackson, Stacy Dove

Guests: Becki Oller -Township Supervisor

Parks & Rec Director: Becky Richards

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Reorganization:

- Nomination for **Chair:**
 - Yvonne nominated **Karen Henry** for Chair. No additional nominees.
 - Laurie made a motion to approve, Yvonne seconded, all approved: 5-0.
- Nomination for **Vice-Chair:**
 - Laurie nominated **Yvonne Sharrow** for Vice Chair. No additional nominees.
 - Yvonne made a motion to approve. Kirby seconded, all approved: 5-0.
- Nomination for **Secretary:**
 - Karen nominated **Stacy Dove** and **Angela Bard-Well** as Co-Secretaries. No additional nominees.
 - Laurie made a motion to approve. Karen seconded. All approved: 5-0.

Motion to approve minutes, as corrected, from the December 5th Meeting by Laurie Reichert, 2nd by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 5-0.

Receipts and Expenditures for 2022 through December 31st reviewed.

Discussion on Nature Park, specifically storm damage and theft:

- a. Thief apprehended after trail cams were mounted. Stole copper from poles, pavilion and cooling unit State Police apprehended the perpetrator.
- b. Tree fell on the long pavilion, causing collapse and need to be removed.
- c. Road Crew removed the tree and cleaned up pavilion refuse.
- d. Removed 3 Trees near large pavilion that were damaged.
- e. Perhaps replace dead ash trees with seedlings (Penn State Extension)?
- f. Master Plan – Forego for now. Substantial cash outlay and time. Becky to explore other potential funding sources for Nature Park pavilion and property.

Continuation of Business:

Youth Sports Complex Sign.

- a. Costs \$6000. Budgeted: \$5000. Sign in production.
- b. Design by Stoner Graphix, and similar to other signage at Main Park and Nature Park.
- c. Location to mount the sign being researched.
- d. Becky will update rental contract for fields with sports complex address.

2. Summer Recreation Program.

- a. Budgeted for 7 weeks: 6/19 thru 8/4/23.
- b. Becky to reach out to Camp Director: Hallie Radnor and Asst. Director: Jennifer Little to renew their employment for 2023.
- c. Becky could step in to cover vacations if necessary.

3. Amphitheater:

- a. Review illustration examples.
- b. Terrace hillside to accommodate seating and mowing.
- c. Suggestion to move trail from in front of stage to behind the amphitheater (other side of swale).

4. Reviewed short and long-term goals. Adjust accordingly.

5. ADA Trail at Main Park:

- a. Public works making upgrades so it can be paved.
- b. Yvonne raised the question as to whether it has to be accessible year-round, even in winter (removal of snow, ice, etc.)?
- c. Becky to investigate guidelines surrounding trail usage and obligations.
- d. Might consider posting signage in Park.

6. Playground Equipment:

- a. Items have been ordered from vendor.
- b. Ground will be prepared in March.
- c. Old equipment to be removed in February.
- d. Construction earmarked for April-May.

New Business:

- 1. **NEW** subscription to Screen Hub for digital sign.
 - a. \$6.99/month or approximately \$83.86 annually.
- 2. Movie suggestions for June/July.
- 3. Annual PRPS Conference at Hershey Lodge in March.
 - a. Let Becky know if you might want to attend sessions.
 - b. She will renew PRPS memberships for (5) Board members.
- 4. Yvonne suggested signage for Township Building address since residents show up her house to pay taxes.
- 5. Angela Bard-Well reappointed for term ending 12-31-27.

Upcoming Events:

- 1. **Tai Chi** – Up to 5 participants.
- 2. **Step into Snowshoeing** (1/14/23) 1P. NO volunteers needed.
- 3. **Jigsaw Puzzle Competition** (1/21/23) 6-8P. 1-2 Volunteers, please.
 - a. 3 adult teams signed up so far.
 - b. Becky needs to purchase prizes.
- 4. **Indoor Yard Sale** (2/4/23) 8A -12N. No volunteers needed.

5. **Family Valentine's Night (2/10/23)** 6-7:30P Volunteers needed.

- a. Craft ideas
- b. snacks

6. **Easter Egg Hunt with VFW (4/1/23)**

- a. Portable toilets
- b. Small prizes
- c. Teen scavenger hunt later in the day.

2023 Goals:

- Replace small stage at Main Park with amphitheater.
 - a. Address trail near amphitheater.
- Replace playground equipment at Main Park.
- Improve trails at Main Park and create ADA trail by paving.
 - a. Geocells to be used where feasible.

2024 Goals:

- Connect the northern and southern sides of the Main Park with a box culvert bridge.
- Power wash tennis courts.

3-5 Year Goals:

- Dog Park.
- Redo tennis courts.
- 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 solicitor, 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	12-31-27
Kirby Reichert Jr.	12-31-23
Zach Jackson	12-31-23
Laurie Reichert	12-31-25
Yvonne Sharrow	12-31-25

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Yvonne Sharrow made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kirby Reichert.
Approved: 5-0.

Next Park and Rec Board Meeting:

Upcoming Meeting: February 6, 2023 at 7 PM

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