EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES – April 5, 2021

# Board Members Present (on ZOOM):

Laurie Reichert, Karen Henry, Yvonne Sharrow, Zach Jackson Stacy Dove

# Board Members Absent:

Dave Hamaty, Kirby Reichert

**Park and Rec Director:**

Jhane Kunkel

# Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Motion made by Laurie Reichert to approve minutes from March, 2021 Board Meeting with amendment. 2nd by Stacy Dove. Approved: 5- 0.

Review detailed Receipts and Expenditures Report thru March, 2021.

**P/R Directors Report – Jhane’s Park Project Report (attached):**

1. **Youth Sports Complex projects:**
   1. Running water from well to storage shed (near ball field).
   2. Swing set – Done!
   3. Soccer benches layout – Glen fabricated new bottoms for them so they are mobile.
   4. Fencing depends on acquisition of more poles and cable to finish project.
   5. Pavilion is BUILT! Concrete this week.
2. **Website**: Launched. Needs fine tuning.
3. **Park & Rec Annex:**
   1. Inspected completed and approved for use.
4. **EHT Nature Park Update (VFW grounds):**

a. Stoner designing the sign at entrance. Remove stone base from previous sign.

b. Manada Conservancy started moving greenhouses in. Will look at camera installation.

c. SAMBA Statusquo for now.

1. **Items Jhane and Lee (solicitor) to do:**
   1. New contractwith EH Baseball & Softball Assoc. Done. Their Board is reviewing it now.
   2. Short term rental agreement for ball fields. Not started.
   3. Rental agreements for pavilions (both parks). Not started.

**6. Summer Camp:**

a. Roster is almost full.

b. Counselors hired.

**7. Grants:**

* 1. Aaron to present at BOS meeting on April 6th for approval.
  2. Potentially (2) grants: Nature Park & revitalization of Main Park, (i.e. replace playground equipment, small stage, etc.).

**8. Weeds at ball fields:**

**a.** TruGreen initially offered a quote, but was high.Requoted on spraying with a lower quote.

***Events Scheduled:***

* ***April 1st – June –*** PA Master Naturalists Program – Hershey Gardens officially joined the list of educators.
* ***April 23rd –*** Penn State Extension, The Manada Conservancy, and Troegs Brewery doing a volunteer tree planting day at the Nature Park to enclose the trail better.
* ***May 7th –*** (not official yet) THON fundraising Drive-In Movie with LDHS
* ***June 18th*** – Drive-In Movie – The Sandlot
* ***July 16th***- Drive-In Movie – not selected yet
* ***August 7th –*** Drive-Thru Peach Fest – Not confirmed with Fire Company.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Stacy suggested a geo-cashing event that could be township wide. Award prizes.
* Dave Hamaty to resign from the Board.
* Staffing at future events. Make sure we have adequate volunteers. Recruit volunteers from the Community to assist (i.e. scouts). Create a list (bank) of volunteers.
* Consider student involvement on the Board.

2021 Goals with tentative completion dates:

* Open some VFW grounds nature trails by 6-1-21. Samba potentially interested in creating trails as well.
* Install a Park Sign at VFW entrance that matches the Main Park sign. Have seen prototypes from Stoner Graphix.
* Improve trails at Main Park to prevent them from washing out by 6-1-21.
* Finish trail extension in the Main Park by 6-1-21.

. Repair/renovate pavilion at VFW grounds so rentals are a possibility by 6-1-21.

# 2022 Goals:

* Connect northern and southern sides of park with a bridge**.**
* Replace small stage at Main Park. (most likely grant depend.)
* Replace playground equipment. (most likely grant depend.)

# 3-5 Year Goals:

* + - Master Plan developed for VFW property
    - Dog Park.
    - Connect the Main Park with the VFW Grounds (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)

# Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Karen Henry made motion, 2nd by Yvonne Sharrow. Motion approved by all present: 5-0.

# Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

May 3, 2021 7 P.M. (LR)