

## **EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **MEETING MINUTES – March 7, 2022**

#### **Board Members Present:**

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

#### **Absent:**

Kirby Reichert

#### **Guests:**

Becki Oller (Township Supervisor)

Bryan Ziegler, Director of Public Works

Nick Yingst, Incoming Township Manager

#### **Parks & Rec Director:**

Ally Spielman

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

Motion made by Zach Jackson to approve minutes of February, 2022 Board Meeting.

Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 5–0

Receipts and Expenditures Report for February, 2022 reviewed.

#### **Bryan addressed trails and washouts in the Community Park:**

- Used map of the Park as a reference to indicate “problem” areas.
- 1000 lineal feet of trail to be paved at 6’ width in areas prone to washout.
- \$16000 budgeted for 2022 trail repair and improvement.
- Swale construction in 2023.
- ADA loop approx. 2000 lineal feet for est. \$40,000 for 2023 budget.
- Must comply with ADA accessibility. Restructure ADA loop for paving prep for potential 2023 project.
- Removal of silver maples outside the annex. Roots are intrusive.

#### **Completed Items/Events:**

1. **Stakeholder committee** identified by Ally for the Native Park Master Plan.
2. **Geocache** updated with new “hints.”
3. **Pickle Ball** shed secured to fence by Scott.
4. **Valentine Family Night:** 70 attendees.
5. **Ally Rec’d P & R Professional Certification.**
6. **PA Master Naturalist Class** – moved to spring, 2023. Not enough attendees.
7. **Summer Camp recruitment continues for counselors.** Trying several outlets.
8. **Senior Programming:**
  - a. Tai Chi had 19 participants.
9. **Hole in schoolhouse patched by Glenn.**
10. **Safety Committee:** prep, inspections, post-meeting filing.
11. **Baseball Assoc.** opening day April 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Continuation of Business:**

1. **Summer Rec:** Director & Asst. Director recruited. Need more counselors (5). 60-80 campers.
2. **Easter** (4/9/22): Egg Hunt with VFW. 4/4 at 1P stuffing Easter eggs.
  - a. plant pansies in the Park? Face-painting and games by Brenda Etter.
  - b. Kim and Mike Batz to bring baby goats if possible.
  - c. Lion's Club handing out hotdogs and soda to kids.
  - d. Historical Society to hand out candy bars to kids?
3. **Earth Day** (4/22/22): Volunteer day to do maintenance on trees. Penn State Extension.
  - a. Clean up day at the Park.
4. **Movies for summer:** Pick (3). July 8<sup>th</sup>, Peach Fest, Halloween? Movie suggestion: *ET*: hand out Reese's Pieces?
5. **Peach Fest** (8/6/22): Movie. Entertainment?
6. **Park Day** (9/18/22): Entertainment? Activities? Vendors? What should it look like? Boy Scouts lead Geocaching in the Park?
7. **Lantern Fly** – Volunteer group to scrape eggs off leaves?
8. **Baseball fields need Diamondtex.**

#### **Events Scheduled:**

- **EHBA Opening Day** (4/2/22)
- **Easter Egg Hunt** (4/9/22): 10A -12P
- **Earth Day** (4/22/22) Volunteer w/Penn State Extension.
- **Mother's Day Floral Arrangement Class** (5/6/22)
- **Manada Native Plant Sale** (5/7/22): 10A-3P. Ally leading hike at Nature Park.
- **Nature Park Cleanup** (5/28/22): 10A -1P
- **Father's Day** (6/19/22) Need ideas!
- **EHT hosting National Night Out** – 8/2/22 Need ideas!
- **Peach Fest** (8/6/22): Movie, entertainment.
- **Park day** (9/18/22): **concert, vendors, activities?**
- **Halloween Event** (10/29/22): Trunk or Treat? Floats? Movie title?
- **Indoor Yard Sale** (11/7)
- **Wreath Making** (12/9/22): (2) sessions: afternoon & evening.
- **Holiday Extravaganza** (12/10/22): Carriage rides, Santa, Tree Lighting, crafts.

#### 2021 Goals with tentative completion dates:

- Open some VFW grounds nature trails by 6-1-21. **COMPLETED.**
- Install a Park Sign at VFW entrance that matches the Main Park sign. **COMPLETED.**
- 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 box culvert 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)

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

Karen Henry (Pres.)	12-31-26
Stacy Dove	12-31-26
Board Vacancy	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 8:23 P.M.**

Karen Henry made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Laurie Reichert.

Approved: 5-0

### **Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:**

April 4, 2022 7 P.M.

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