

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2022

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Guests:

Becki Oller -Township Supervisor
Nick Yingst - Township Business Manager
Jim Williams – Candidate, Park & Rec. Board

Parks & Rec Director:

Ally Spielman

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Motion made by Zach Jackson to approve minutes, with corrections, for March, 2022 Board Meeting. Seconded by Karen Henry. Approved: 6–0
Receipts and Expenditures Report for March, 2022 reviewed.

Completed Items/Events:

1. **Summer Newsletter** started.
2. **Easter Event** includes bouncy houses, Batz's goats, Volunteers from VFW and Shell's Church. 138 children registered for the egg hunt.
3. **Pavilion rentals** underway.
4. **Website:** Nick getting crash course. Ally updated the site.
5. **Grants:** Initial meeting with DCNR about the playground. Discussion about Master Plan.
6. **Ally attended PRPS Conference.**
7. **Summer Camp:** Campers at capacity with a wait list of 10+ people. Ten counselors. Adjust salary in 2023 budget.
8. **Senior Programming:**
 - a. Tai Chi had 19 participants.
 - b. Indoor Herb Garden – 1 participant.
9. **Coloring Contest:** pages delivered to schools and on the website.
10. **Safety Committee:** prep, inspections, post-meeting filing.
11. **Baseball & Soccer Field contracts.** EHBA applied for Gaming Grant from Hollywood Casino.
12. **Parts ordered** for swing set. Scott to replace hardware.
13. **QR codes** for Hayden on site.

Continuation of Business:

1. **Movies** selected for Movie Nights: *Sing 2*, *League of Their Own*, *Hocus Pokus*.
2. **Easter (4/9/22):** Egg Hunt with VFW. 10A – 12N. Volunteers arrive at 8A.
 - a. Bouncy Houses.

- b. Kim and Mike Batz to bringing baby goats.
 - c. Lion's Club handing out hotdogs and soda to kids.
 - d. Coloring contest – pages have been distributed and posted on Twshp website.
3. **Earth Day (4/22/22):** Volunteer day to do maintenance on trees. Penn State Extension.
 - a. Clean up day at the Park.
 4. **National Night Out (8/2/22):** South Hanover hosting. Should we join their event?
 5. **Peach Fest (8/6/22):** Movie. Entertainment? Ally trying to find a band.
 6. **Park Day (9/18/22):** Entertainment? Activities? Vendors? What should it look like? Boy Scouts lead Geocaching in the Park?
 7. **Board Vacancy:** Jim Williams introduced himself and spoke of his interest and his background. Experienced in grant writing/application.

Events Scheduled:

- **Easter Egg Hunt (4/9/22):** 10A -12P
- **Earth Day (4/22/22):** 1P-4P Volunteer w/Penn State Extension, Troegs, Manada.
- **Mother's Day (5/6/22):** 6P-7P Floral Arrangement Class
- **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 (6/18/22):** 12P "Dads and Dawgs"
- **National Night Out (8/2/22)** with South Hanover Twshp.
- **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 8:15 P.M.

Stacy Dove made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow.

Approved: 6-0

Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

May 2, 2022 7 P.M.

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