

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES – May 2, 2022

Board Members Present:

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

Absent: Kirby Reichert Jr., Zach Jackson

Guests:

Becki Oller -Township Supervisor

Jim Williams – Candidate, Park & Rec. Board

Parks & Rec Director:

Ally Spielman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Discussion with Jim Williams about joining the Board to fill the vacancy left by Dave Hamaty.

Motion made by Yvonne Sharrow to recommend Jim Williams to fill board Board vacancy ending 12-31-22, seconded by Laurie Reichert. Approved: 4-0. Ally will take it to BOS for approval.

Motion made by Stacy Dove to approve minutes for April, 2022 Board Meeting. Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 4-0

Receipts and Expenditures Report for April, 2022 reviewed.

Completed Items/Events:

1. **Summer Newsletter** completed.
2. **Easter Event Feedback:** Went really well, despite having to use rain date. Overall, positive feedback. Around 200 participants. Collected 225 food items and Rumors Rentals donated \$25. Recommendations for next year: larger areas for egg hunts. Perhaps stagger the start times. Pulled pork meals sold in advance for the Fire Co., could be picked up at the Park the day of the egg hunt. Bring back Bouncy house and baby goats. They were a success.
3. **Website:** Public Works employment opportunity posted on the site.
4. **Grants:** Withdrew from Nature Park Master Plan. BOS approved \$60K to be moved from the reserve so design process for the playground can begin with HRG.
5. **Summer Camp:** A few spots open for campers. At capacity for (2) weeks. 10 Camp counselors hired.
6. **Senior Programming:**
 - a. Tai Chi holding steady round 15 participants each class.
7. **Safety Committee:** planned CPR classes with Supervisor Shea.

Continuation of Business:

1. **Earth Day (4/22/22):** Went well. Penn State Extension planted a lot of trees.
2. **National Night Out (8/2/22):** Ally met with Lynn at South Hanover Township.
 - a. Organizations participating:
 - o Batz Farm
 - o Fire companies
 - o PSP (State Police)
 - o Thai Chi instructor

- Zumba Jeff
- Susquehanna Service Dogs
- 3. **Peach Fest** (8/6/22): Movie. Entertainment? Ally trying to find a band.
- 4. **Park Day** (9/18/22) ideas:
 - Bands – use flatbed for a stage?
 - DJ (Tony Bennett?)
 - Inflatables
 - Zoo America
 - Food trucks?
 - Entertainment items (i.e. juggler, magician)
 - Instructors for Pickle ball, Disc Golf
 - Open the schoolhouse
 - Woodsy Owl and/or Park Ranger

Events Scheduled:

- **Mother's Day** (5/6/22): 6P-7P Cancelled due to lack of interest.
- **Manada Native Plant Sale** (5/7/22): 10A-3P. Ally leading hike at Nature Park.
- **Nature Park Cleanup** (5/28/22): 10A -1P
- **Movie Night with the Fire Company** (6/10/22): 7:30P
- **Father's Day** (6/18/22): 12P "Dads and Dawgs"
- **National Night Out** (8/2/22) with South Hanover Township
- **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 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 8:21 P.M.

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

Approved: 4-0

Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

June 6, 2022 7 P.M.

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