

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES– November 7, 2022

Board Members Present:

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

Absent: Angela Bard-Welt.

Guests: Becki Oller -Township Supervisor

Parks & Rec Director: Becky Richards

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Motion to approve minutes from the September 12th Regular Meeting by Zach Jackson. 2nd by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 6-0. NO Meeting in October.

Receipts and Expenditures YTD through October 31st reviewed.

Continuation of Business:

1. 2023 Fees Schedule Recommendations:

a. Pavilions:

- i. Remove Nature Park Pavilion until repairs and improvements are made. Hazardous.
- ii. \$25 security deposit for EHT Residents and Township Non-profits, for all pavilions.

b. Sports Fields (at Youth Sports Complex):

- i. *Current:* \$3/field/hour for *resident and non-resident. \$100 deposit.
Suggested: \$5/field/hour for *resident and \$10/field/hour non-resident. \$100 deposit.
- ii. *Current:* Special events/tournaments- Same fee structure as field rentals.
Suggested: \$125/field/day for *resident; \$250/field/day non-resident. \$500 deposit.

*Resident is based on residency in Lower Dauphin SD >50%.

Perhaps we need a separate contract for tournaments and special events with emphasis on clean-up, repair, maintenance.

NOTE: The sports fields by the EH Elementary School (part of the Nature Park) are under a separate contract.

c. Summer Recreation Camp:

- i. *Current timeline:* 6 weeks: 6/27 - 8/5
Suggested: 7 weeks: 6/19 – 8/4
- ii. *Current Rate per child:* *Resident:* \$25/week; *Suggested:* N/C.
Non-resident current: \$30/week; *Suggested:* \$35/week.
- iii. *Attendance: Currently:* Up to 60. *Suggested:* Inc. to 80?
Becky to check on actual cost/child.

2. Youth Sports Complex portable toilet.

- a. Fee increased for 2023. \$138 currently through Walters Septic.
- b. Becky received a proposal from Tillets Toilets. Less money.
- c. Remove the unit from the Sports Complex for winter. Return it in March 2023?
- d. Potentially remove all port a potties except for the one at the Community Park, for rest of the year and return them in March, 2023 for seasonal use.

3. Youth Sports Complex Sign.

- a. Review design options from Stoner Graphix.
- b. Suggested: a design similar to the Nature Park sign.

4. Schedule of 2023 Events & Programming.

- a. Review ideas and make suggestions.
- b. Make sure we have enough volunteers to assist.
- c. Consider corporate sponsorships to offset costs and provide additional volunteers.

5. PA Master Naturalist course.

- a. April – May, 2023.
- b. Was cancelled this year due to lack of interest.
- c. Potentially a multi-year agreement through 2026?

6. Geocells for the Main Park.

- a. Can be installed on trails to help alleviate ponding.
- b. Purchase to use up rest of funds in a donation to the Nature Park.
- c. 9' X 16' sections.

Old Business:

- 1. **Meadow Conversion Project** completed October 20th. Positive feedback. Good attendance from local municipalities.
- 2. **Fall festival** went well. Purchase more pumpkins next year. No movie.
- 3. **Pavilion Restrooms** – Submitted Permit with Light Heigle, will use funds under Capital Improvements for 2022, about \$4k to make them ADA compliant.
- 4. Getting final **quotes for grass/ turf maintenance** in 2023.
- 5. Updates on **Gaming grants**, purchases, tool cat.
- 6. Plan preparations for **Community Park Redevelopment Project** to go to DCNR for approval.
- 7. Reviewing existing **short and long-term goals** with Parks & Recreation Board. Perhaps at next meeting.
- 8. **Senior Programming for 2023.** Becky working with Autumn Leaves and seniors to schedule programming for their luncheons.

Upcoming Events:

1. **Tree Lighting** – (12/2/22): 6P – 8:30P. Rain date: 12/3/22.
 - a. Fire Company to bring Santa (Mike Yingling).
 - b. St. John's band will play. Trying to find chorus for the sing-along outdoors.
2. **Wreath Making** – (12/4/22): 1P-3P.
 - a. 30-40pp.
 - b. (2) offers of tree donations.
 - c. Manada Conservancy members may have natural items to donate such as holly, berries, etc.
3. **Santa Breakfast** – (12/10/22): 8A -10A.
 - a. Lions Club to help.
 - b. Becky has list of necessary supplies: food, etc.
4. **Coloring Contest-** Due 12/5 and will be displayed at the 12/10 Santa Breakfast.
5. **Tai Chi** every Friday at 9A.

List of 2023 events (scheduled and tentative) distributed by Becky.

2021 Goals with tentative completion dates:

- Open some nature trails in the Nature Park by 6-1-21. **COMPLETED.**
- Install a Park Sign at Nature Park entrance that matches the Main Park sign. **COMPLETED.**
- Improve trails at Main Park to prevent them from washing out and be ADA accessible. In process.
- Finish trail extension in the Main Park by 6-1-21.

2022 Goals:

- Replace small stage at Main Park, (likely grant dependent).
- Replace playground equipment, (likely grant dependent).

3-5 Year Goals:

- Develop Master Plan for Nature Park property.
- Dog Park.
- Redo tennis courts.
- Repair and renovate pavilion at the Nature Park.
- Connect the northern and southern sides of the Main Park with a box culvert bridge.
- 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
Angela Bard-Welt	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 9:03 P.M.

Kirby Reichert made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Stacy Dove.
Approved: 5-0.

Next Park and Rec Board Meeting:

Upcoming Meeting: December 5, 2022 7P.
Reorganization.

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