

East Hanover Township Park and Recreation Board
Regular Monthly Meeting: March 4, 2024, at 7 pm
8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17028

Attendance: Becky Richards, Karen Henry, Laurie Reichert, Angela Bard Welt, Dr. Craig Goodmurphy, Brenda Etter

Absent: N/A

Supervisor: Tina Cassel Hastie

Guests: N/A

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Karen.

2. Approval of the February minutes

A. Laurie motioned to approve the Minutes, and Brenda seconded. All members said "Aye."

3. Review of the January-February 2024 expenditure report

A. The Board reviewed the expenditures.

4. Director's Report:

A. The chess/checkers board has been replaced.

B. The Township purchases certified playground mulch from Zieglers. Having mulch blown in is more expensive than raking, but application compacts much faster when blown. We placed 12" of mulch at the new playground, but it is now compacted to 9". The new playground equipment has "fill lines" to indicate the appropriate mulch depth for the given fall zone.

C. Tina found wreath frames for the 2024 wreath making event for half the regular price.

D. The amphitheater is expected to ship in early March.

E. HRG is working to get the remaining grant reimbursements for the Community Park Project (CFA Grant for \$213,000 as well as an estimated \$79,797 remaining from the DCNR grant).

F. The trail and then the parking lot will be paved before the Summer Rec Program starts. The trail pavement will be 3" deep and 8.5' wide.

G. The Concession Stand work is nearly complete with new ceiling tiles, repainted interior and floor, and new serving window 'Barn Door' and counter. The BOS and Board are invited to opening day on 4/13/24.

H. The Baseball Association is not planning any other projects in the near term.

I. Two Girl Scouts are working on their Gold and Silver awards and would like their projects to benefit our Pollinator Meadow. Ashley's gold award project is in the design phase and could include a bench and trellis at the Meadow. Camilla would like to build some Butterfly Houses to install at the Meadow for her Silver Award. Design plans will be shown to the Board for approval when they are ready.

5. Old Business

A. Parks facility survey

1. The public is most interested in maintaining the existing facilities (#1), then

preserving wildlife habitat (#2), then trail connectivity (#3). Adding restroom facilities and beautifying the park came in nearly tied at #4 and #5. These five priorities will be listed in the next newsletter.

2. The splash pad received both positive and negative input. One known complication is the requirement to have at least two staff with maintenance certifications. The Board decided not to pursue the splash pad idea any further for the foreseeable future.

B. Trail and playground signage

1. The signs about winter conditions have been manufactured and installed for the winter season.

C. Turf maintenance

1. The turf maintenance quotes came in with a clear choice, for a 3-year contract with Bailey Landscaping that was approved by the BOS.

D. Sport court signs

1. The language has been further streamlined.
2. There will be 1 sign for each hockey and basketball courts (12"x18") and 1 large sign and 2 small signs for the tennis/pickleball court.
3. Becky will ask for a design rendering and quote and then put it before the BOS.

E. Summer Rec Program

1. Becky has four returning counselors and has four applicants for Camp Counselors, and one application so far for the Assistant Camp Director.
2. Registration has been open for one week and has been filling up quickly. Some weeks are nearly at capacity.

F. Valentine's Event

1. The event will be shortened to 1.5 hours in future.
2. With rock painting at future events, we will have a bucket of water to wash the rocks.

G. Puzzle Event

1. There were about 70 attendees.
2. Becky plans to host two puzzle events in January-February each year.

H. PA Master Naturalists

1. Becky continues to coordinate with this group about an upcoming workday.
2. The invasives are so bad at the Nature Park that the fire department may come to do a controlled burn.

6. New Business

- A. Nature Park Clean-up, Saturday, March 16th, 10 AM-12:30 PM then break for lunch and cleanup. Rain date: April 6th.

1. It might be good to have a Board Member with each group of volunteers.
2. Craig and Laurie may be available.

B. Easter Egg Hunt & Tweens/Teens Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, March 30th (10 AM & 2-3:30 PM)

1. The egg hunt is run by the VFW with assistance offered by the Board.
2. Becky has bunnies lined up.
3. Becky asked the Lions about refreshments in the pavilion and will follow up on that.
4. Becky will ask the VFW if they can be in charge of providing and hiding eggs, and the Board can help with other activities (e.g. temporary tattoos and yard games).
5. Becky is inquiring with groups to bring animals.
6. This year the Scavenger Hunt eggs will be numbered.
7. Becky needs one volunteer for the Scavenger Hunt and several volunteers for the earlier egg hunt.

C. Nature Park building survey

1. ARM Group provided a proposal to sample for asbestos and lead paint.
2. Becky may ask for more details on the lead paint portion of the quote.
3. HRG is not able to provide this service without subcontracting it out.

D. Dog park

1. Becky is still trying to ascertain whether the Grantville Commons' planned dog park will be open to the public.

E. Tennis/pickleball courts

1. Public Works could build new Pickleball Courts at the Youth Sports Complex for an estimated cost of \$150,000 with some of the work contracted to a company that specializes in paving sport courts.
2. If the fence is over 6' tall, it would require a building permit. A building permit may or may not be needed regardless.

7. Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm

8. Adjourn: Laurie motioned to adjourn, and Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Park & Rec Board Members

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Term Expiration:

12-31-24
12-31-25
12-31-26
12-31-27
12-31-28

Board of Supervisors' rep.:

Tina Cassel Hastie

Park Director:

Becky Richards, CPRP