

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES – August 2, 2021

Board Members Present :

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

Absent:

Kirby Reichert

Guests:

Becky Oeller, Bill McGee, Pete Werner

Parks & Rec Director:

Ally Spielman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Motion made by Zach Jackson to approve minutes July, 2021 Board Meeting.

Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 5-0.

Receipts and Expenditures Report reviewed.

Continued Business:

1. Youth Sports Complex projects:

- a. Pavilion should be named. – Named YCP Pavilion

2. EHT Nature Park Update (VFW grounds):

- a. Have not heard from Eagle Scouts about kiosk to place at trailhead near the road.
- b. Pavilion Rental agreement (attached).

4. Summer Rec Program:

- a. Over budget due to required staffing being more than anticipated & longer hours of director.
- b. First aid kit needs replacement..
- d. Guest speakers have been well-received by youth.

5. Community Park:

- a. Box culvert – Bryan estimated \$100K. Bridge could be centrally located. In 2022 budget. .
- b. Grassworks – spraying estimate \$3000 less (annually) than TruGreen.
- c. Pickleball- Colleen stopped by. She can provide dimensions for the practice wall. Where to place it?

6. Bocce Ball Signage: Bill McGee and Pete Werner joined told us they ordered a sign. Will let us know when it's done.

7. Senior Programming:

- a. Ally will survey seniors for ideas.

New Business:

1. Website/Social Media:

- a. Updates have been made. Is there anything that should be added?

2. EHT Nature Trail:

- a. Ally hiked through trails and would like to maintain them herself and/or with volunteers (i.e. boy scouts).
- b. Add signage. Post map online and at a kiosk.

Events Scheduled:

- **Peach Social-** 8/7. At Main Park (pavilion)? 7P-8P follow-up with movie, "James & the Giant Peach." Volunteers at 6P for prep and set up.
- **National Night Out** – 8/3. South Hanover Twshp. 6-8P
- **Fall Festival** – 10/16
- **Drive Thru Halloween** – 10/21 at Firehouse.
- **Holiday Extravaganza** – 12/4 includes tree lighting and Santa.
- **Wreath Making** – 12/10

DISCUSSION – New Ideas for Programming:

- Create an EHT geotrail in both parks and throughout the township.
- Kindness Rock Garden. Place around the gazebo at Main Park.
- Tai Chi in the Park.
- Host geocaching event at the Park. Update existing caches and add new ones. Add it to website.
- Healthy cooking demonstrations.
- Hot cocoa with Santa instead of breakfast.
- Host a Mental Health First Aid Training.

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)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Stacy Dove made motion, 2nd by Yvonne Sharrow. Motion approved by all present: 5-0.

Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

September 13, 2021

7 P.M. (LR)