

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES – September 13, 2021

Board Members Present :

Karen Henry, Yvonne Sharrow, Stacy Dove

Absent:

Kirby Reichert, Laurie Reichert, Zach Jackson

Guests:

Colleen Campbell

Parks & Rec Director:

Ally Spielman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Motion made by Stacy Dove to approve minutes August, 2021 Board Meeting.

Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 3-0.

Receipts and Expenditures Report reviewed.

Continued Business:

1. Pickleball

- a. Colleen Campbell attended the meeting to follow up on requests made from pickleball players
 - i. Building a practice wall for player use out of plywood and attach it to the fence at the street hockey court. Colleen provided dimensions and pictures of possible practice wall types to Parks and Rec Director via email. The Board indicated openness to doing this only if the wall was placed in the tennis courts, but the road crew would likely be responsible for completing the project and they would not be available for this project this year due to staffing.
 - ii. Allow volunteers to paint or tape pickleball court lines on the street hockey courts. The Board denied this request.
 - iii. Store pickleball items at EHT with morning and evening access. Storage would need to be big enough to accommodate brooms, leaf blower, spare/replacement nets. The Board indicated that they could discuss the type of storage container and then take this item to the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors
 - iv. Establish annual budget for pickleball equipment of \$500-\$1000. Replacement cost for two pickleball nets is in the proposed operational budget for next year at \$160 each.
 - v. Confirm tennis court/pickleball court resurfacing is in the budget. Courts were resurfaced in 2019 and 2020. There are structural issues with the courts that are from when the courts were originally installed which resurfacing will not help with. Resurfacing is not currently budgeted again but Parks and Rec will consider adding to

the budget for the courts to be redone in the distant future.

- vi. Consider dedicated pickleball courts. Discussed that this is not part of the master plan and will not be pursued.
- vii. The Parks and Rec Director reported she would take each of these items to the Board of Supervisors next week.

2. First Aid kit

- a. Parks and Rec Director will be doing some restocking of supplies now and a bigger restock closer to the time of next year's summer rec to make sure items are not expired

3. Grassworks

- a. Spraying estimate came back significantly higher than originally quoted. The decision was made to continue with TruGreen.

4. EHT Nature Park Update (VFW grounds):

- a. Eagle Scouts have been in contact and will be working on projects for the nature park:
 - i. One Eagle Scout will be working on building a kiosk for the park. The Township will be providing the wood.
 - ii. The other will be working on creating QR codes that will be placed throughout the park highlighting various aspects.
- b. Parks and Rec Director will be working on a park map, possibly utilizing drone pictures or a mapping app.

5. Peach Fest

- a. 110 people attended with approximately 20 staying for the movie
- b. Donations received during the event equaled the same amount spent on food and supplies.

6. Senior Programming

- a. Seniors were surveyed during the Autumn Leaves dinner- 30 surveys were received
- b. Top areas of interest included educational presentations, crafts, some physical activities, and having programming later in the afternoon
- c. Presentations on senior driving and spotted lantern flies have already been planned. A fall wreathmaking craft is planned as well.
- d. Parks & Rec Director is working on scheduling a presentation on scammers and scheduling either Tai Chi or yoga

7. Kindness rocks garden

- a. Stacy Dove did the initial garden set up at the gazebo by the one room school house. The Parks & Rec Director has arranged with Hope Springs Farm to do upkeep on the garden as well as possibly adding to it.

8. Learn to play bocce ball event: no residents attended

9. Grandparents Day Birdhouse building and nature walk: 3 families attended

10. New Ideas for Programming:

- a. Create an EHT geotrail in both parks and throughout the township.
- b. Tai Chi in the Park.
- c. Host geocaching event at the Park. Update existing caches and add new ones. Add it to website. P&R Director did maintenance on existing caches in the park. Will revisit doing an event when the Board plans for 2022.
- d. Healthy cooking demonstrations: may look at lining this up with February/Valentine's Day since it is heart health month
- e. Hot cocoa with Santa instead of breakfast.
- f. Host a Mental Health First Aid Training for residents

New Business:

1. Proposed budget for 2022

- a. Reviewed by Board members present
- b. Grants that were applied for which were originally set to be decided in September were now pushed back to November. This may impact the proposed budget if we are awarded the grants.
- c. Discussed trail paving and looking for alternatives to doing this that could redirect water away from the trails. The road crew is having to spend several days at a time on trail maintenance after both light and heavy rains due to the trails washing out.

2. Fall Fest

- a. Discussed places to drop off flyers for Fall Fest (elementary school, Grantville Nursery School, churches)
- b. Requests were received from several possible vendors about setting up tables at Fall Fest. The Board approved Boy Scouts, Dairy Princess, BBT. Walmart was denied.
- c. Discussed what supplies need to be obtained and confirming of hayride

3. Halloween Parade

- a. Parks and Rec will be helping to register parade floats and walkers, serve as judges, announce the winners
- b. The Board will need to come up with categories and prizes
- c. Parks and Rec Director will need to recruit two members of the Board of Supervisors to help lead the parade

4. Township Newsletter

- a. Approval was granted to resume a version of the printed newsletter to reach township residents who do not have access to email.
- b. The newsletter will be 12 pages, full color and will resume going out to residents in December 2021.
- c. Parks & Rec Director has been reaching out to community groups for information to include.

5. Holiday Extravaganza

- a. Parks & Rec Director is working on making contacts to try to schedule carriage rides for this year's event

Events Scheduled:

- **Fall Festival** – 10/16
- **Halloween Parade** – 10/21 at Carnival Grounds
- **Holiday Extravaganza** – 12/4 includes tree lighting and Santa.
- **Wreath Making** – 12/10

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 8:25 P.M.

Stacy Dove made motion, 2nd by Yvonne Sharrow. Motion approved by all present: 3-0.

Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

October 4, 2021 7 P.M.

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