

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES – November , 2021

Board Members Present :

Zach Jackson, Yvonne Sharrow, Laurie Reichert

Absent:

Kirby Reichert, Stacy Dove, Karen Henry

Guests:

None

Parks & Rec Director:

Ally Spielman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Motion made by Laurie Reichert to approve minutes of October, 2021 Board Meeting.

Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 3—0

Receipts and Expenditures Report reviewed.

Completed Items/Events:

1. **Ally Applied for Community Change Grant of \$1500.** Awarded in November.
 - a. Could apply funds to trail improvement/development.
2. **EHT Website entered into PSATS Communication Contest.**
3. **Mini-Thon** hosted by Lower Dauphin students – Nov. 6th.
4. **Review of 2022 events schedule.** BOS to approve at Nov. 16th meeting.
5. **Township Newsletter:**
 - a. Graphtech to print Thursday (11/4). Mail out.
 - b. PDF on website simultaneously.
6. **Ally drafted 2022 Budget and provided it to BOS.**
 - a. BOS only put \$5000 in for grants. If we receive the grants from DCNR, BOS will re-evaluate the amount.
 - b. Box culvert for stream pushed back to 2023 due to MS4.
 - c. 2022 focus on trails.
 - d. Ally and Paul to put the entire budget on the Township website.
7. **Senior Programming:**
 - a. Wreath making (10/6) – 3 participants.
 - b. Chair Yoga (10/15) – 5 participants.
 - c. Ally provided support to Autumn Leaves in planning memorial service for Donny Pancake. Service to be held on November 20th at 1P. Ordered a plaque for Autumn Leaves to dedicate at the ceremony.
 - d. Lantern Fly 101 (10/25) – 3 attendees.
8. **Ally contacted 10 million trees** and the American Chestnut Foundation to get more native trees planted in the parks.

9. Fall Fest (10/16):

- a. Went well. 55 participants. \$115 profit.

10. Halloween Parade (10/21):

- a. Approx. 150 participants. Cost: \$250.
- b. Discussion as to whether or not to help with it next year.
- c. Perhaps do a Trunk or Treat style event with tables throughout the Park hosted by organizations and vendors. Have activities & handout candy at each table.

Continuation of Business:

1. Holiday Extravaganza (12/4):

- a. How do we want it to look? Ideas?
- b. Ally to check pricing on carriage rides, time, availability.
- c. Pony Rides?
- d. Tree lighting – caroling. Dave Hamaty has contact info.
- e. Hot cocoa, refreshments?
- f. Crafts in Township Bldg.
- g. Hours of event? 3-6P?

2. Eagle Scouts:

- a. Ally met with Eagle Scout Troop 74 about Nature Trail mulching & QR codes.
- b. Bryan ordered lumber for the Eagle Scout who's building the kiosk at the Nature Park. Building Nov. 7th & 13th.
- c. Sally Zaino at Manade Conservancy putting Eagle Scout in touch with Ally about building blue bird houses for the Park.

3. Park Projects

- a. Public Works to build raised benches around Dinosaur Playground.
- b. Public Works giving trash cans a new look.
- c. Remove sand box at Dinosaur Park – health hazard.
- d. Public Works to build a small library. Story Trail in the Park?

4. Senior Programming Schedule – Need presenters,

- a. AAA discount driving class in the works.

5. Wreath Making reservations coming in. Need help with prep.

^ Field Rentals to be over soon.

- a. Ally invoiced LDSA and Skrappers.
- b. Waiting to hear back from Midstate Mavericks on dates.
- c. EHBSA never signed a contract for 2021. Not fair that they pay \$1 when others pay more for field rentals.

Events Scheduled:

- **Scammers 101** (11/4) 4:30P
- **Nature Park Walk Autumn Leaves** (11/8) 10A
- **Mini Thon (LDHS)** 11/6
- **Safe Driving for Seniors** (11/17)
- **Chair Yoga for Seniors** (11/22)
- **Holiday Extravaganza** – 12/4 includes tree lighting and Santa.
- **Wreath Making** (12/10) 6-8P
- **Intro to Genealogy** (12/13) 10A
- **Lantern Fly 101** (12/17) 11A
- **Chair Yoga** (12/29) 4:30P
- **Coloring Contest** – in the newsletter.
- **Schoolhouse program November 13th**– Crist Espenshade & Historical Society.
- **Indoor Yard Sale** – 2/5/22 8A-12P
- **Valentine's** – Healthy cooking, Heart Health Theme. 2/11 6:30P- 8P
- **Geocaching Event** – in person? When?
- **EHT hosting National Night Out** – 8/2/22

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 8:17 P.M.

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

Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

December 6, 2021

7 P.M. (LR)