EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES – January 4, 2022

# Board Members Present :

Yvonne Sharrow, Laurie Reichert, Stacy Dove

**Absent:**

Karen Henry, Zach Jackson, Kirby Reichert

# Guests:

Barry Wiestling (VP), Matt Umberger, Seth Markowitz from the EHT Baseball Association.

Becki Oller (Township Supervisor)

Jackie Wilbern (Asst. Township Manager)

**Parks & Rec Director:**

Ally Spielman

# Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

**Reorganization:**

* Nomination for **Chair:**
  + Stacy nominated **Karen Henry** for Chair. No additional nominees.
  + Stacy made a motion to approve, Yvonne seconded, all approved: 3-0.
* Nomination for **Vice-Chair:**
  + Laurie nominated **Yvonne Sharrow** for Vice Chair. No additional nominees.
  + Yvonne made a motion to approve. Stacy seconded, all approved: 3-0.
* Nomination for **Secretary:**
  + Yvonne nominated **Laurie Reichert**. No additional nominees.
  + Stacy made a motion to approve. Yvonne seconded. All approved: 3-0.

Motion made by Stacy Dove to approve minutes of December, 2021 Board Meeting. Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 3—0

Receipts and Expenditures Report for December, 2021 reviewed.

**East Hanover Township Baseball Association Presentation:**

* 2022 Contract Options for use of fields at Nature Park.
  + Two contract options offered for (2) fields.
  + Flat rate $600/season inclusive of spring & fall, 2022 ($1200/year).
  + Similar to South Hanover Twshp agreement.
  + EHT Baseball Assoc. primarily funded by membership fees and concession stand.
  + Limited revenue to offset increases in expenses.
  + Equipment drive(s) – Township to advertise and assist if possible.
  + Volunteers for concession stand.
  + Existing contract to be rewritten.
  + Solicitor to review and contract to be presented to BOS at January 18th meeting if possible.
  + Season starts in March, 2022.

**Completed Items/Events:**

**1. Grants awarded including C2P2.** Details to follow.

**2**. **Trashcans were redone in the Community Park.**

**3**. **Ally met with Jen Fetter** (PSU Extension) about young trees on property.

**4. ZOOM planning meeting for PA Master Naturalist class.**

**5. Benches around trees at Dinosaur Park completed.**

**6. Facebook Page Report – statistics reviewed.**

**7. Volunteer/Sponsorship ideas -** Sponsorship Letter reviewed**.**

**8. Wreath making successful.** Next year have (2) sessions toaccommodate demand**.**

**9. Senior Programming:**

a. in general, low or no turnout. How to increase participation?

**Continuation of Business:**

**1. Summer Rec**: Hiring counselors, hire an asst.? Jen Little returning as Director?

**2. Easter** (4/9/22): Ideas? Egg Hunt, Snacks, coffee.

a. plant pansies in the Park or some pollinators

b. Donate personal care items.

c. Tie-in geocaching event.

**3**. **Earth Day** (4/23/22): Volunteer day to do maintenance on trees.

a. Local vendors.

**4**. **Movies for summer**: Pick (3).Stand-alone, Park Day, Peach Fest.

**5**. **Peach Fest** (8/6/22): Movie. Entertainment?

**6**. **Park Day (**9/18/22): Entertainment? Activities? Vendors? What should it look like?

**Events Scheduled:**

* **Indoor Yard Sale**: 2/5/22: 8A -12N. 7 spots left.
* **Valentine’s** – Healthy cooking, Heart Health Theme. 2/11/22: 6:30P- 8P
* **World Wildlife Hike** & **Bat Boxes at Nature park** (3/5/22)
* **Easter Egg Hunt** (4/9/22)
* **Earth Day** (4/23/22)
* **Mother’s Day Floral Arrangement Class** (5/6/22)
* **Father’s Day** (6/19/22) Need ideas!
* **EHT hosting National Night Out –** 8/2/22 Need ideas!
* **Peach Fest** (8/6/22): Movie, entertainment.
* **Park day** (9/18/22): **concert, vendors, activities?**
* **Halloween Event** (10/29/22): Trunk or Treat? Floats?
* **Indoor Yard Sale** (11/7**)**
* **Wreath Making** (12/9/22):(2) sessions: afternoon & evening**.**
* **Holiday Extravaganza** (12/10/22): Carriage rides, Santa, Tree Lighting, crafts.

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)

**Park & Rec Board Member Terms (Expiration):**

Karen Henry (Pres.) 12-31-26

Stacy Dove 12-31-26

Board Vacancy 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 9:21 P.M.

Stacy Dove made motion. Seconded by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved: 3-0.

# Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

February 7, 2022 7 P.M. (LR)