EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2022

# Board Members Present:

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

**Absent:**

Kirby Reichert

# Guests:

Becki Oller (Township Supervisor)

**Parks & Rec Director:**

Ally Spielman

# Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Motion made by Yvonne Sharrow to approve minutes of January, 2022 Board Meeting. Seconded by Stacy Dove. Approved: 5—0

Receipts and Expenditures Report for January, 2022 reviewed.

**Completed Items/Events:**

**1. Grants awarded including C2P2.** Details provided.

**2**. **Township** **Website updated.**

**3. Facebook Page –** analytics reviewed**.**

**4. Yard sale well-attended.** 175 attendees.

**5. Ally walked Nature Park Trail with Scott, Mike, Bryan to look at sustainability.**

**6. PA Master Naturalist Class –** could use more attendees.

**7. Kiosk at Nature Park** secured and filled**.**

**8. Senior Programming:**

a. Tai Chi & other planned programming. Schedule in the newsletter.

**9. Sponsorship letters mailed –** 140.

**10. Community Park Trail** measured for ADA accommodation.

**11. Baseball contracts-** revised, approved and signed.

**Continuation of Business:**

**1. Summer Rec**: Need to hire Director, Asst. Director, counselors (8-10). 60-80 campers.

**2. Easter** (4/9/22): Egg Hunt with VFW.

a. plant pansies in the Park or some pollinators

b. No cost. Parents donate nonperishable food item.

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

a. Clean up day at the Park.

**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?

**7. Valentine’s Event** (2/11): 6:30P – 8:00P. Volunteers at 5:30P.

**8. Lantern Fly –** Volunteer group to scrape eggs off leaves?

**9. Screech owls and kestrels** - Check for occupancy in houses.

**10.** Ally to meet with boy scouts for updates on projects.

**11**. **Schoolhouse –** Needs structural repair work and squirrel eradication. Funding from P & R General budget. Do not have to meet Historical structure guidelines.

**12. Trail flooding in Community Park.** Icy conditions because of runoff. Ally to walk trails with Scott and Bryan to assess the grades and recommend remediation.

**Events Scheduled:**

* **Valentine’s** – Healthy cooking, Heart Health Theme. (2/11/22): 6:30P- 8P
* **World Wildlife Day** (3/5/22) Hike & Bat Boxes at Nature Park.
* **EHBA Opening Day** (4/2/22)
* **Easter Egg Hunt** (4/9/22): 10A -12P
* **Earth Day** (4/22/22) Volunteer w/Penn State Extension.
* **Mother’s Day Floral Arrangement Class** (5/6/22)
* **Manada Native Plant Sale** (5/7/22): 10A-3P. Ally leading hike at Nature Park.
* **Nature Park Cleanup** (5/28/22): 10A -1P
* **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 8:57 P.M.

Stacy Dove made motion. Seconded by Karen Henry. Approved: 4-0.

# Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:

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