

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES for May 2nd, 2016

Board Members Present:

Steve Espenshade, Karen Zemitis, Rick Smith, Laurie Reichert, Yvonne Sharrow

Board Members Absent:

Dave Hamaty, Karen Henry

Park and Rec Director:

Anthea Stebbins

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

- Previous month's minutes for April 2016 approved. Motion for approval requested by Rick Smith 2nd by Laurie Reichert. Motion approved by all present. 5-0.
- P&R Funds Report for April 2016 was approved as presented.

P/R Directors Report:

- Tree Planting in the park by K&W Engineers & Consultants was completed on the 22nd and the 27th. Eighteen trees at Cladel Preserve were planted and 63 native trees in the park were planted. Riparian Buffer signs will be put in area of the park where the trees were planted.
- May 25th is the last day for the public to make suggestions or comments in regards to the Community Park Recreation and open space plan. May 26th is the meeting with the study group for the open space plan. June 23 is the last public meeting for the Community Park Plan.
- Summer Recreation is filling up. Right now there is an average of about 45 kids per week.
- LD Communities that care book bus will stay in the park from 11:30 to 12:30pm during the summer rec. program when they are there. They will have a person on the bus and another person in the park reading to the children.
- Would like to plan for next June a "Get Outdoor Event".
- Movie in the Park = Zootopia was suggested by Anthea and all agreed it would be a great family movie. Anthea will try and reserve it for Movie in the Park Night.
- Supervisor Board approved park closure for the Summer Rec Program. Northern athletic fields will remain open to the public.
- EHBA will be at the Board of Supervisors meeting this month regarding what they need in regards to baseball fields in the new Community Park Open Space plan.

Old Business:

- Anthea contacted the insurance company regarding policies, procedures and recommendations about fencing for the summer rec program while the park remains open to the public. Per the parent handbook, fencing is not required. Insurance policies are up to date.
- Park Rules approved by board of supervisors.
- Bikes in the Park Rule #8 – Should we allow bikes on the trails and in the park? Anthea will check with the insurance company regarding any issues with bike riding in the park.
- Rick Smith motioned to remove the “No Bikes in park Rule”. Yvonne Sharrow seconds the motion. Motion passed and was unanimous. 5-0

New Business

- Fire Pit Policy – Non in place that we could find. Steve Espenshade found some old meeting notes regarding fire pits in the park. Anthea will get copies of these out to the P&R Board to review. We will revisit this at the next meeting and will recommend and suggest a fire pit policy be put in place for park after we review the notes.
- A recommendation from the board - Install a GAGA Pit for Summer Rec and playground area- This is a dodgeball / 4 square type game the children love to play. Funds for the Gage Pit will come out of the Sub Division Fee. We will need the pit, possible ground leveling, composite, and someone to install.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM

- Motion was made by Laurie Reichert and 2nd by Rick Smith and
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Next Park and Rec Board Meeting

June 6th, 2016 at 7:00 PM.