

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES for March 6th, 2017

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dave Hamaty, Karen Henry

Park and Rec Director:

Anthea Stebbins

Meeting Guests:

Carol Mathias, Mike Yingling and Paul Cornell. Thank you all for attending our meeting tonight.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

- Carol Mathias wanted to share with us her new plans for the spring and summer walking program she is involved in. This program runs from April thru October on Tuesdays and Thursday and begins at 8am. Anyone that is interested in walking is welcome. She had picked a few areas to walk that are more off road with less traffic, one which will start at the Grantville P.O. There are a few walks being set up in South Hanover Twp. also. Carol is willing to lead walks for "Everybody Walk PA" on the Horseshoe trails on Sundays at 1:30 if there is interest. Please contact Anthea or Carol for more information if you are interested in any of these walks.
- Mike Yingling and Paul Cornell updated us as to the status of gaming money being contributed to EH Twp. Currently they are still contributing gaming money to us, however, it is still up in the air, and uncertain if future funding from the casino will continue. They are watching closely as it will greatly affect our funds. They would like us to get the community more involved in the Park Renovations. Ex. Bench Program, Amphitheater, Trails, planting, painting, and overall general maintenance. A great way to do this is thru volunteers.
We asked about getting new Trails and Memorial Benches started in the Park with trail access to the ball fields. The P&R Board needs to get some estimates, analysis, prices, and an organizational chart as to what we need help with, then present to the board for approval. Once approved, then we can get those projects started in the park. This will give a starting point and visual to the community as to what is to come.
- Previous month's minutes for February 2017 approved. Motion for approval requested by Laurie Reichert, 2nd Karen Zemitis. Motion approved by 4. Abstained by 1.
- P&R Funds Report for February 2017 was approved as presented.

P/R Directors Report:

- Scope of Work for Trails and Greenways Master Plan needs review – P & R Board to look over and make any changes or requests to Anthea by March 18th.
- Old Park and Rec rules have been taken down and replaced with the new Park rules.
- Cecelia Frey volunteered and pruned the Red Twig shrub and will put new ones in the Park for us. Thank you Cecelia for you time and making our park even more beautiful.
- 5 or 6 people have volunteered to help pick up branches in the park while walking. This is a big help and the P&R board greatly appreciates you help.
- Flyers went out to the schools for the Bunny Breakfast.
- A new development is being proposed on 8048 Rider Rd. Hummelstown which is located in both West Hanover Twp. and East Hanover Township. There is a portion of the property that is in East Hanover Twp. and is expected to remain as open space for residents of the development. East Hanover Twp. will be notified and asked for a letter of support when the final plans are prepared. It is not expected that EHT residents will have access to the open space nor that the Twp. will have any role regarding maintenance or care otherwise.
- Anthea has been summoned for Jury Duty the week of March 13, 2017.
- Jim Fink, a twp. Resident, presented Anthea information regarding beverage dispensers for future events. Will keep information in case we would need something like this.

Old Business:

- VD Day Party – Went very well. Good Turnout.
- New Life Church – Anthea emailed them regarding functions, waiting to hear back.
- Fire Pit Policy – No fire on Park Property except by Park and Rec Board. Taking this to BOS.
- VFW Site – Large Area and great potential for park use. Discussion on possibly obtaining this property.
- Feasibility Study – We would like to get this down right away and get things moving. Rick will bring this to the BOS meeting.

New Business

- Bunny Breakfast – April 8th.
- 2 Way Radio's / Walkie Talkies – Anthea would like to purchase 4 Talkies for use with the Summer Rec. Program and future P&R Events. This would make it much easier for staff and volunteers to be able to communicate easily. We all agree that purchasing these would be a great asset to have for the P&R Board at outdoor events. Motion to purchase (4) Walkie Talkies / 2 Way Radio's was made by Laurie Reichert, 2nd by Karen Zemitis. Motion approved 5 -0.
- Soccer Field Requests – All looks fine.
- Park Trails, Park Benches, and Feasibility Study. Let's get started and get quotes.

- **Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 PM**

- Motion was made Laurie Reichert, 2nd by Rick Smith. Motion approved by all present. 5-0

Next Park and Rec Board Meeting

- April 3rd, 2017 – 7pm

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