

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES - August 3, 2020

Board Members Present (on ZOOM):

Laurie Reichert, Kirby Reichert, Karen Henry, Dave Hamaty, Yvonne Sharrow,
Zach Jackson

Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Carroll

Park and Rec Director:

Jhane Kunkel

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

- Motion made by Zach Jackson to approve minutes from June, 2020 board meeting. 2nd by Yvonne Sharrow. Approved by all present: 6-0.
No meeting held in July.
- Review detailed Receipts and Expenditures Report thru July, 2020.
- Rental for inflatable held for (1) year.
- Annual membership for Geocaching.

P/R Directors Report

- Jhane's Report (attached).
- **Resurfacing the courts:** The Breneman Company to finish courts by the end of the week.
- **Bocce Ball Courts:** Stoner Graphix Rules to Play sign is up.
- **Fitness Stations:** Stations installed and being used.
- **Swale:** concern about potential ponding near the bridge before it dissipates.
- **Nature Trail:** Reopened. Eagle Scout could add signage and develop a "field guide" for it.
- **Hope Springs Farm:** Looking for projects to do. Paint picnic benches. Paint bridge?
- **Drive in Movie:** approximately 35-40 cars for first showing.
- **VFW grounds:**
 - Nature Trail – have materials available. No permit needed because no impervious coverage. Place a port-a-potty there?
 - Perhaps pavilion rental?
 - Sign at entrance that matches main park entrance sign.

Old Business:

- **PA Master Naturalist Program:** Township might host in the spring.
- **National Night Out:** TBD.
- **Peach Fest:** Drive thru distribution at the fire house. 8/8 5:30P. Sponsored by Ft. Indiantown Gap.
- **Park Day:** Cancelled.
- **Disc Golf Course:** Should be cleaned up. Contact person for the league that was involved with its implementation.

New Business:

- **Fall Festival:** Cannot use the building. Host it outside? Ability to practice safe Covid measures: social-distancing, wear masks, sanitizing.
 - Pumpkin carving out side on tarps, blankets, in parking lot.
- **Holiday Craft Project:** Replace wreath making. Schedule for November. Fall wreath. Stumps to decorate.
- **Halloween Parade:** Alternative is for families to decorate their cars and drive thru the fire station. Hand out goodie bags. Still have competition.
- **Tree Lighting:** Set up outside area for photographs. Have Santa stay in the fire truck while families gather in front of the fire truck. Goodie bags to kids.
- **Santa Breakfast:** cancelled.
- **Indoor Yard Sale:** Cancelled.
- **Donations for food banks at each event.**
- **Volunteer Day:** Help with clean up at the Park. Extensive list of chores for both main park and VFW grounds. Perhaps plant more trees.

Discussion:

- **Roles and responsibilities of Baseball Association and the use of the fields at the school and VFW grounds.**
 - Concern expressed about maintenance, use, potential damage to ground, concession stand, etc.
 - Scheduling: What if another team wants to use the fields?
 - If they host tournaments, what is the Township's liability? Is there any?
 - Two tournaments scheduled for August. No more for 2020.
 - No short-term lease contract for these fields which would include fees.
 - Concern for congregating crowd on game day.
 - Covid precautions, safety measures, Covid exposure. Covid waivers?

- Jhane will address concerns with Lee, the solicitor and Carla Perry of the Association.

2021 Goals: (Leaving on from June for future reference)

- Maintain the Main Park.
- Open the VFW grounds for nature trails.
- Install a Park Sign at VFW entrance that matches the Main Park sign. Use blue metal roof for both entrance signs, including existing sign at Main Park.
- Finish trail extension in the Main Park.
- Connect north and south portions of the Park.
- Research bridge options to cross the Manada Creek. ADA access. DEP permit could cost \$3500. Explore reasonable options for crossing.
- Improve trails (Main Park) in some spots they don't wash out or redesign in those problem areas.
- Establish trails at VFW picnic grounds.
- Repair/renovate pavilion at VFW grounds so rentals are a possibility.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

- Karen Henry made motion, 2nd by Zach Jackson. Motion approved by all present: 6-0.

Next Park and Rec Board Meeting :

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 7 P.M.

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