

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES – November 9, 2020

Board Members Present (on ZOOM):

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

Board Members Absent:

Park and Rec Director:

Jhane Kunkel

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

- Motion made by Laurie Reichert to approve minutes from August, 2020 board meeting. 2nd by Dave Hamaty. Approved by all present: 5-0.
- Review detailed Receipts and Expenditures Report thru October, 2020.

P/R Directors Report – Jhane’s Park Project Report (attached):

- **VFW Property Nature Trails:** Jhane, Bryan, Karen, Laurie to walk the property. Draft proposed trail(s) map.
- **VFW bathrooms:** proposed for 2021. Port-a-potty contracted for a year.
- **Soccer parking lot:** Almost done.
- **Nature Trail:** Jhane has not heard back for the Eagle scout.
- **Rotted steps on Nature Trail:** materials purchased to replace them.
- **Stone Trail Additions:** rerouting the trail to avoid wetlands.
- **Nature Park proposal (VFW grounds):** Approved by BOS for 2021 Budget.
- **Property well:** Budgeted for 2021 but on hold until building reopens.
- **Parking Lot painting:** Not sure if it'll be done in-house or outsourced.
- **Reevaluate current tournament contract** with EH Baseball & Softball Assoc.
- **Additional Swing set located:** installation in 2021.
- **Short-term Lease Contract needed for athletic fields:** Jhane reached out to Lee, the solicitor. Need time to work on it. Nothing more on it at this time.
- **Digital Newsletter:** No progress yet. Need to communicate with Township neighborhoods about upcoming events (quarterly postcard mailing, announcements in local neighborhoods, Township phone recording)?
- **2021 Pavilion Replacement:** declined during budget hearing. Potentially 2022.
- **ADA Ramp for Park & Rec Annex:** Coming along. Funded through infrastructure budget and not P & R.
- **Tennis Courts:** poles holding nets coming out of the ground. Complaints from Pickleball players and residents.

Events:

- **Fall Festival (10/24)** went well, despite windy day.
 - Repeat next year at same location.
 - Add fire pits for hot dog roasting.
- **Halloween Parade (10/15)** went really well! Large turnout!
 - Repeat next year – Fire Company in agreement.
 - Set up floats on perimeter.
 - More organizations can participate in handing out candy.
- **Christmas Wonderland Event (12/5) 2-4P (Rain date 12/6):**
 - Registration Table – Check in. Arrive by 12:30-1P.
 - Carriage and pony rides – reservations in advance.
 - Gazebo decorated for photo ops.
 - Beverages & refreshments to tables.

Discussion:

- **2021 Budget –Items approved:**
 - Summer Rec Program
 - Open VFW grounds with nature trails.
 - Install sign at entrance to VFW grounds.
 - Renovate/repair pavilion at VFW grounds.
 - Money in the budget for our events.

2021 Goals with tentative completion dates:

- Open some VFW grounds nature trails by 6-1-21. Complete by 9-30-21.
- 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 by 6-1-21.
- Finish trail extension in the Main Park by 6-1-21.
- Improve trails (Main Park) in some spots they don't wash out or redesign in those problem areas by 6-1-21.
- Repair/renovate pavilion at VFW grounds so rentals are a possibility by 6-1-21.

2022 Goals:

- Replace small pavilion at the Main Park (investigate grants).
- Connect northern and southern park parcels with a bridge.
- Replace small stage at Main Park.
- Replace playground equipment.

3-5 Year Goals:

- Dog Park.
- Connect the Main Park with the VFW Grounds (Nature Park) in a safe manner.
Painting crosswalk on Old Jonestown Rd., etc.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

- Laurie Reichert made motion, 2nd by Kirby Reichert. Motion approved by all present: 5-0.

Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings :

December 3rd 7 P.M.

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