

# **EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MEETING MINUTES – March 1, 2021**

### **Board Members Present (on ZOOM):**

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

### **Board Members Absent:**

Dave Hamaty

### **GUEST: Smittie Brown**

### **Park and Rec Director:**

Jhane Kunkel

### **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

Motion made by Laurie Reichert to approve minutes from February, 2021 board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yvonne. Approved: 6-0.

Review detailed Receipts and Expenditures Report thru February, 2021.

### **P/R Directors Report – Jhane's Park Project Report (attached):**

#### **1. Youth Sports Complex projects to be started by spring, 2021:**

- a. Running water from well to storage shed (near ball field).
- b. Swing set installed. New swings ordered.
- c. Soccer benches layout for better placement.
- d. Fencing depends on acquisition of more poles and cable to finish project.
- e. Pavilion is BUILT! Concrete this month. Add drip line.

#### **2. Website:** Will launch March 31<sup>st</sup>. Learning back end.

#### **3. Park & Rec Annex:**

- a. Inspected by Light-Heigel. Two minor items need to be addressed to pass inspection.

#### **4. EHT Nature Park Update (VFW grounds):**

- a. SAMBA (Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Assoc.) is interested in the Park for various projects/trails.
  - i. Concerns (expressed by Board members):
    1. Outside parties, non-resident usage of trails.
    2. Maintenance of trails falls on who?
    3. Amount of space used for trails.
    4. Limit the number of trails for now.
    5. Contract between SAMBA & EHT stating expectations.
    6. Security cameras installed near greenhouses?
    7. Motion lights on light poles for security, safety?
- b. Scheduled sign installation Stoner Graphix. \$2500 contribution to the Park.

- c. Manada Conservancy – permit was issued. Things moving along well.
- d. Portable toilet on this property.

5. **Items Jhane and Lee (solicitor) to do:**

- a. New contract with EH Baseball & Softball Assoc. Done. Their Board is reviewing it now.
- b. Short term rental agreement for ball fields. Not started.
- c. Rental agreements for pavilions (both parks). Not started.
- d. Weeds are an issue at the ballfields. Bob the only one licensed.

6. **Postcard:** Done, ready to mail.

7. **Summer Camp:**

- a. Action request for BOS.
- b. Jennifer Little hired as Director.
- c. Still on schedule to hold the Camp.
- d. Limit to residents only?
- e. Reduce number of kids attending and reduce the number of weeks to 6 instead of 8. Full week enrollment. Eliminate Partial week option?

8. **Permits needed for:**

- a. Main Community Park improvements. Waiver Granted.
- b. New pavilion at Youth Sports Complex. Done. Pavilion Built.

9. **Grants:**

- a. Pre-application meeting set with DCNR for grant application.
- b. BOS approved to go after (2) grants: Nature Park & revitalization of Main Park, (i.e. replace playground equipment, small stage, etc.).



**Events Scheduled:**

- **Feb. 20th- March 6th** - Scavenger Hunt in both Parks, all completed submissions are entered to win local gift certificates. People have till the end of the week.
- **March 27th** – 1-3pm – Co hosting an Easter Drive-Thru with the fire company.
- **April 1st – June** – PA Master Naturalists Program – Hershey Gardens officially joined the list of educators.
- **April 23rd** – Penn State Extension, The Manada Conservancy, and Troegs Brewery doing a volunteer tree planting day at the Nature Park to enclose the trail better.
- **May 7th** – (not official yet) THON fundraising Drive-In Movie with LDHS
- **June 18th** – Drive-In Movie – The Sandlot
- **July 16th**- Drive-In Movie – not selected yet
- **August 7th** – Drive-Thru Peach Fest – Not confirmed with Fire Company.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kirby asked about sidewalks and/or recreation space at the warehouse on Fox Run Rd. Does the Township require commercial entities to provide recreational space? Residential developments are required to provide recreational space or pay a fee in lieu of.

**2021 Goals with tentative completion dates:**

- Open some VFW grounds nature trails by 6-1-21. Samba potentially interested in creating trails as well.
- Install a Park Sign at VFW entrance that matches the Main Park sign. Have seen prototypes from Stoner Graphix.
- 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.
  - Potentially late spring
-  Build new pavilion at the Main Park near ball fields.

**2022 Goals:**

- Connect northern and southern sides of park with a 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)

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 P.M.**

Laurie Reichert made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach Jackson. Motion approved by all present: 6-0.

**Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:**

April 5, 2021

7 P.M.

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