

# **EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION**

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

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

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

### **Board Members Absent:**

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

Jhane Kunkel

### **Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM**

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

Review detailed Receipts and Expenditures Report thru January, 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. Ordering new swings.
  - c. Soccer benches layout for better placement.
  - d. Fencing depends on acquisition of more poles and cable to finish project.
  - e. Pavilion: permit obtained. Ready for construction.
2. **Website:** Civic is working on it. Hope to have something to show soon.
3. **Rotted steps on Nature Trail:** Public Works to replace them over the winter.
4. **Stone Trail Additions:** rerouted trails. Working on securing permit for additional expansion.
5. **Park & Rec Annex:**
  - a. Floors scrubbed, walls painted, lighting installed, park & rec supplies placed in back room.
  - b. Initial inspection went well. Have Dale from Light Heigel inspect it.
  - c. Should be ready for occupancy & use soon.
6. **Nature Park Update (VFW grounds):**
  - a. SAMBA (Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Assoc.) is interested in the Park for various projects/trails.
  - b. Stoner Graphix delivered prototypes and quotes for Park sign.
  - c. Develop a Master Plan for the Park.
  - d. Manada Conservancy agreement most likely to be signed on Feb. 5th.
  - e. Portable toilet on this property.
7. **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.
- 8. **Postcard:** Done, ready to mail.
- 9. **Summer Camp:** Moving forward with plans to hold it this year. Advertise for Camp Director position. Karen suggested Raven Ridge Wildlife Center as a speaker for Summer Camp. They rehabilitate wildlife.
- 10. **Permits needed for:**
  - a. Main Community Park improvements. Hoping BOS will sign waiver to not halt projects due to storm water.
  - b. New pavilion at Youth Sports Complex.
  - c. Permit started for greenhouse installation at VFW Nature Park.
- 11. **Grants:**
  - a. Trails & Greenways Plan up for adoption at Feb.16 BOS meeting.
  - b. Jhane to present at BOS meeting on 2-2-21.

#### **Events:**

- a. Artists lined up for online sessions.
- b. Aerospace engineer.
- c. Easter Drive-thru at the firehouse late March. Confirm with Saul.
- d. Penn State spring planting in the Park.
- e. Scavenger Hunt in the Parks. Restaurant gift cards for top 3 winners?
- f. Drive in movies at Main Park: June, July.
- g. PA Master Naturalist Course: April – June. Hershey Gardens interested.
- h. Peachfest Drive thru at firehouse: August.



#### **Choose a person to fill the open Park & Rec. Board position: (2) Candidates:**

Stacy Dove

Jennifer Little

Motion made by Yvonne Sharrow to recommend Stacy Dove to fill that position. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Hamaty. Approved: 6-0.

#### **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 8:20P.M.**

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

**Upcoming Park and Rec Board Meetings:**

March 1, 2021

7 P.M.

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