

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES for November 7th, 2016

Board Members Present:

Steve Espenshade, Karen Zemitis, Rick Smith, Laurie Reichert, Yvonne Sharrow, Karen Henry, Dave Hamaty

Board Members Absent:

None

Park and Rec Director:

Anthea Stebbins

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

- Previous month's minutes for October 2016 approved. Motion for approval requested by Rick Smith, by 2nd Laurie Reichert. Motion approved by all present. 7-0.
- P&R Funds Report for October 2016 was approved as presented.

P/R Directors Report:

- Geo Caching Event – 25 people attended the event. It included kids, adults, seniors and new people from our township. It was well received and enjoyed by all.
- EHBA – Is looking for a longer rental lease for fields with VFW. Steve Espenshade remembers signing a 25-year lease with the VFW a few years ago. Anthea will look for the lease in the EHBSA safe deposit box where it might be stored.

Old Business:

- Fire Policy – Still working on it. Will get 2 fire rings.
- Park Signage and Rules – Use small signs in the park directing people to East Kiosk Box which will host all the park rules and regulations. This way park rules can be updated and changed as needed without having to update and purchase all new signs.
- Use QR codes on signs so people can access park rules via their phones.
- Bikes in the Park – PASSED!
- Memorial Bench in the park – Revisit in spring when we start to develop the park plans and trails.
- Fall Festival – Great event – Went smoothly.
- Halloween Parade – Great weather, great floats, best turnout we have had in years. Concerns with the large turnout is that we may need more room for the staging area if it continues to grow and we should consider changing the turnaround area to make it easier for floats.

- Halloween Parade Rules – We had some concerned citizens email and call EHT regarding political floats in the parade. We will consider putting a policy in place regarding Parade rules for next year.

New Business

- Boy Scout Conservation Project – All agreed bird houses and bat houses would be a nice addition to the park.
- 12/2/16- Wreath Making at EHT
- 12/3/2016 – Tree Lighting 6:30 to 8. Volunteers please arrive at 5:30pm.
- 12/5/2015 – Next Park and Rec Meeting
- Next month is the election of P&R Officers.
- Election of Officers – Possible revision as to which month the election will take place. (Dec or Jan for future elections) Anthea will talk to the Paul and we will revisit at next meeting.
- DCED – Grant was denied for Trail Plan.
- DCNR – Waiting on Grant decision, has not been posted yet.
- Property Line Survey –When the Boy Scouts cleared the pathway on the nature trail, it was brought to our attention that the property line boundaries were unclear. We will get estimates for surveyors and have the property lines clearly marked.
- Park Plans we would like to get started on:
 - 1. We would like to move ahead with extending the trails in the park.
 - 2. Feasibility study should be done on the township building for administration and park and recreation use. We would like to use the downstairs area that will open when the road maintenance crew moves to their new building.
 - 3. Interested in purchasing the VFW land. Great spot for possible baseball fields and trails to connect to the park.
 - 4. Would like to start on the amphitheater for the park.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM**
- Motion was made Karen Zemitis, 2nd by Dave Hamaty. Motion approved by all present.
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Next Park and Rec Board Meeting

- December 5th 2016 – 7pm

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