

**AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**AMITY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPALE BUILDING**  
**April 4, 2011 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Attending:** Scott Weller, Harold Boyer, Dave Rathgeb, Jerry Kupp, Chazz Lyon

**Guests:** Matt Huddleston (DBYS) & Risa Marmontello (MHCA)

Chairman Harold Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:07

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes were approved on a motion by Dave Rathgeb and second by Jerry Kupp.

**Supervisor's Actions:** The Supervisors had approved the engineer's work to prepare a GP – 4 permit to install a drainage system at Hill Road on the softball field. After some confusion a site visitation and discussion determined that no permit is necessary. The project will proceed, consisting of 6" drain tile wrapped in filter fabric and installed in a French drain. The drain will be covered with turf and extended approximately 150 feet down gradient and day lighted near the end wall next to the Tot Lot along Letort. This should help drain the third base area of the softball field.

**Manager's Report:** The License Committee did not meet. We have some times, we just need to pin down the Supervisor's Representative to a date and we can have the meeting. Items for discussion are Insurance and the A.I.C. fields. Manager discussed a request by the Optimist Club to run an underground electric line to the school parking lot. This would be used for the Community Days electric needs instead of running cords which pose a trip hazard. The township and the school have no objections as long as it's underground an up to code. There has been no progress on the Lake Drive Field Agreement. Chazz will pursue with Tony Tucci.

The Monocacy Hill Grant project to treat invasive submitted an invoice. The manager noted that Risa Marmontello would present a status report and answer any questions.

The Manager said plans are to turn the water on this week, by Friday at the latest. He ask the Board to consider closing the fields organized events next year until water is turned on. Each year the sports organizations seem to start earlier and earlier. The water can't be turned on until the temperatures moderate. This has created a rest room problem for organized events. Perhaps establishing April 15<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> as the season. Manager is looking for recommendations to alleviate this problem before next spring.

Youth Safety Day will take place at Lake Drive on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There will be a medivac landing on the small ball field at Lake Drive. Matt Huddleston will cooperate and vacate the field between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Representatives from DBYS had requested permission to enlarge the infield of field #40 at Amity Community Park. Details were discussed and the Township and the School were satisfied to proceed with DBYS bearing the cost of the improvement. DBYS informed us that they would not proceed this year with the project.

Scout Mike Keveany will construct a water pump house of similar design to the one constructed by Matt Zomolsky. It will be his Eagle Scout Project and will be complete by July 1, 2011.

Lastly, the manager told the Board that the party injured last summer at Amity Community Park had his hearing with the DJ for damages against the Blue Sox. It is our understanding that the court awarded no damages. The Township Solicitor and Insurance Agent are reviewing this matter to see if any changes in coverage will be required.

**New Business:** Matt Huddleston (DBYS Softball) expressed some dissatisfaction with the scheduling of the Township fields, stating that softball has a hard time having home games due to lack of fields. For this year, he'll try to deal with the current system. Next year, he'd like to see something different. The manager asked him to discuss field scheduling with DBYS and DBCA and come back with a proposal.

**Planning Commission-** The Planned Residential Development (PRD) for Leaf Creek Farm had their first hearing. The next meeting will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> on this matter. Submission of a preliminary plan would probably not occur until after the appeal period expires. It would be preliminary plan stage at which time any offer of open space would be made regarding the trail. The manager stated that in his opinion, the Supervisors are leaning towards acceptance of the trail only and perhaps an access drive from the cul de sac in phase 1, that would extend to connect the Township's Cider Mill open space. That would permit access to the Cider Mill open space where a parking lot might be constructed to form a trail head. The remainder would be taken in fee in lieu of open space.

Risa Marmontello presented a slide presentation on the Invasive Grant program being conducted at Monocacy Hill. There was an overrun on the spraying because of the dense intensity of Brush. Risa assured the Board that the overage could be made up elsewhere in the grant. The major portion of the grant has yet to be advertised and let. Jerry Kupp moved and Scott Weller seconded the motion to pay the invoice with overage provided it will not increase the overall program amount. Motion passed.

Risa asked if a perimeter trail could be modified. This trail is also the trail that has been widened to accommodate fire company vehicles in the event of an emergency. The Board directed her to move forward with this Loop Trail. A letter was presented that will be sent to adjoining on Slate Run Road regarding burning and encroachment on to Township property. The Board approved sending it with several tweaks suggested by Dave Rathgeb.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Concerns-** Butch asked if the parking lot project at Mouns Jones is dead. Chazz said that it is until funding is available. Butch asked if Scott Stepp was aware of this. Chazz said, yes.

**Adjournment;** Jerry Kupp moved, Dave seconded 8:41 p.m.

Submitted for Joe Rusiewicz  
David Rathgeb