

## AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Scott Weller, Lisa Bingaman, Keith Berry, Troy Bingaman.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Weller called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

SPECIAL MEETING – Park Walkthrough began at Amity Community Park.

Mr. Curt Clifford and Barry Leier of the **Daniel Boone Optimist Club** attended to request consideration of holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting event at the Park. They stated, PA American was willing to donate the necessary expense to have an electric box run from a nearby utility pole so the lights could be energized. After considering several locations in and around the parking area next to the playground, the Board took the following action: **Motion** by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mrs. Bingaman to recommend approval of the Optimist Club's desire to hold future tree lighting events at ACP with a 12-14 ft. Norway Spruce to be planted to the left of the lower walkway into the park. Motion carried unanimously.

**Field Usage:** Mr. Bingaman informed the Board, two church affiliated groups have contacted the Township to use fields. Pam has been coordinating their use with that of DBAA. DBAA is working with them to ensure they have a place to play their games.

**Eagle Scout Project:** After a walkthrough of the play area, it was decided the gazebo and walkway were in need of attention. The Gazebo could use some sanding and a repaint. There was also concern about the condition of the walkway to the play area (the edging coming out of the ground and the weeds around the bushes). This could also be made part of the Eagle project.

The Board also reviewed the playground area to assess damage and/or missing pieces. They agreed to keep an eye on the merry-go-round as there is some wear on the surface that could create a hazard in the future. It was also noted several pieces were missing.

**Tennis Courts:** The Board viewed the condition of the tennis courts at ACP. They noted the ice chopping damage in several areas around the perimeter of the courts. The School District will be responsible for fixing the areas of damage. There was also concern about some cracking in various locations. It was recommended this be addressed before they worsen. Mr. Bingaman reported that Ms. Cubero would be using 3 courts on Mondays, 4 on Tuesday & Wednesday and 6 on Thursday from 5-7pm. If there is not a need for all of them, the public may use the remaining courts. There was concern about using all of the courts and preventing the general public from using the courts. It was recommended that a schedule be posted on the courts so everyone is aware of the times of use. This may require lockable plexiglass boxes to be mounted on the fence. The condition of the screenings between the courts was also discussed, noting, they need to be replaced.

The Board then relocated to **Lake Drive Park**. Mr. Bingaman reviewed the Lake Drive improvement project with the Board. The project includes a new pavilion being built just below the play area. Also included are pavilion electrical & lighting, security cameras, ADA accessible walkways, the repaving of the parking lot, line striping and car stops. The Board completed a walkthrough of the park, noting the

missing pieces and partially rotted posts within the play area. It was agreed, if the Township could obtain additional grant funding or use capital funds designated for parks, the priorities would be: 1) playground; 2) basketball courts/lights/fence; and, 3) Tennis courts/lights/fence. Mr. Bingaman will meet with Third Little Pig (Pete Lawler) to discuss the play areas and the needs at the various parks.

**Graffiti at Monocacy Hill:** Mr. Bingaman shared photos of graffiti at Monocacy Hill, which, Risa Marmontello brought to his attention. The Board felt this should be addressed. Mr. Bingaman will discuss with the Roadmaster.

Mr. Weller indicated he was out of time to visit the remaining parks; however, he stated he would be at Hill Road later in the day and would take a look at the facilities there and report back at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Lisa Bingaman and was seconded by Keith Berry to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Approved 5-0