

AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Scott Weller, Chair; Keith Berry, Vice Chair; Lisa Miller, Pete Gaskins, Lisa Bingaman and Troy Bingaman, Township Manager

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Weller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Pete Gaskins seconded by Lisa Bingaman the minutes were approved 4-0 with Keith Berry absent at time of call.

VISITORS:

1. Andrew Fick presented to the board his Eagle Scout Project planned for Amity Community Park. He presented design copies of his plans for the signs he plans to place at Amity Community Park, included are 2 large maps of the park with 6 color designated walking trails by distance outlined, made of lumber and painted design with sealant on top. He plans on having them installed by late April, early May with concrete bases in ground. The Board was in favor of his project. Mr. Weller made the recommendation to have Andrew present to the Board of Supervisors at April 4th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dean Dinnocenti was present. Discussion was held that the trash is ready for pick up from field clean up. The bases were found and will be placed. Mr. Bingaman discussed that the water will be turned on 4/9/18 and that the rototiller is present at Lake Drive. Troy also discussed that per the license agreement, it is the school's responsibility to provide infield mix for the fields, further discussion will occur at a Licensing Committee meeting with the school in the near future. Dean brought up that it is a concern that the fields have lips that are a safety risk. Mr. Bingaman stated that Casey Blankenbiller is trying to eradicate the issue and discussion needs to take place with those volunteers that drag the fields for proper technique. Mr. Weller discussed relocation of the Wheeler Field bleachers to Hill Rd. with the understanding that, if needed, in the future, they may be moved back. Mr. Bingaman discussed the necessity for a baseball schedule, which is overdue, the Township is in need of the schedule so that fields can be scheduled for other use as well. Mr. Dinnocenti stated that Brian Miller will be getting that to the Township immediately. Scott Weller discussed that the electric for the Lake Drive field pitching mound will be run and Steve Loomis will be available to check depths and make sure that everything is hooked up properly. Mr. Bingaman stated that Patrick will be checking on the shed roof at Lake Drive as discussed at last meeting.
2. Dimitri Meyer will be starting the Eagle Scout project for bench upgrades and sign refreshing at Lake Drive this week and will be finished in a couple of weeks.

3. Lake Drive Grant Application: The pre-application meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, April 3, 2018. The amount being applied for is \$150,000. The actual cost of the project is in excess of \$300,000. The township is asking for letters of support and Mr. Bingaman has reached out to the various organizations in the township for this purpose. The Board agreed to submit a letter of support.
4. June Jubilee: Organizers of the event will be in attendance at this week's Board of Supervisor's meeting since the last meeting was cancelled due to snow.
5. Summer Playground Program: So far, 12 students have registered and there have been 14 applicants for counselors. Discussion was held regarding the Playground Program Coordinator position and who would be the best candidate to run the program. The most qualified candidate presented to the Recreation Board is Alyssa Bingaman, who has 6 years of experience in Parks Programs with Exeter and has experience in the counselor and head leader roles. Troy reported 106 emails were sent with the draft program calendar and registration forms for the program. Alyssa was present to share the calendar with the Board. More registrants for the program are expected, as most registrants historically are last minute. Mr. Weller stated that since Alyssa Bingaman has taken the initiative and led the efforts in the creation of the Summer Program for Amity and has the many years of experience, and, the fact that there are no other candidates as qualified, it makes sense that she holds the role of coordinator. A motion was made by Mr. Weller that Alyssa Bingaman be hired as Summer Playground Coordinator, the motion was seconded by Lisa Miller, the motion passed 4-0 with Lisa Bingaman abstaining from the vote. Interviews for the counselor positions will be held in the near future by Alyssa Bingaman and Kathy Benson, HR for the Township. The Recreation Board will be made aware of the dates for participation, if available. A notification blast through the School and an email blast will be carried out in the next week as a reminder to parents who are interested but still have not registered their child(ren).

NEW BUSINESS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

LICENSE COMMITTEE: A meeting will be scheduled soon. Troy will notify the Board of the date/time.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Troy Bingaman discussed that there had been correspondence with George Schmidt regarding an issue that occurred at the tennis courts at ACP with the boy's tennis team and inappropriate signage stating use of the courts was reserved solely for the tennis team. As per the agreement with the school, the signs are to be removed and 2 courts are to remain open for public use during the boy's tennis practice instead of the team utilizing all of the courts as stated on the signage.

BOARD CONCERNS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Lisa Miller and was seconded by Keith Berry to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.