

AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Scott Weller, Chair; Keith Berry, Vice Chair; Lisa Bingaman, Sec., Lisa Miller, Pete Gaskins*, Troy Bingaman.

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 Scott Weller seconded by Lisa Miller the minutes were approved 4-0 with Pete Gaskins absent at time of call.

VISITORS:

1. Barry Leier, Daniel Boone Optimist Club presented information on plans for 1 or 2 Memorial Benches with proposed sites for the benches in Amity Community Park possibly on the Southeast side of the Boyer pavilion. The benches will be of a resin material with plaques and anchored by concrete. A motion was made by Mr. Weller to allow the Daniel Boone Optimist Club to move forward with their plans and bring back more details, seconded by Mr. Berry.
2. Margaret Reitmeyer was present to inquire about the status of proposed Pickleball courts. Mr. Bingaman had researched with other municipalities and educated the Board and Mrs. Reitmeyer that painted lines for one court would be approximately \$200. He awaits the Districts confirmation that this would not interfere with the High School's tennis team matches/tournaments.
3. Bill Duffy was present to inquire if the township would line the football fields for Blazer Midget football. Mr. Bingaman will inquire with the School District as he understood they would be doing the lining since the Middle School would also be using the field.

Mr. Gaskins arrived at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lake Drive Fence Repair- Patrick Moore received a quote that was high, there are 2 additional quotes expected. Mr. Weller respectfully requested that the repairs be done prior to fall ball.
2. Summer Playground Program- The program was successful, the average attendance per day were 20-30 children. Next year's program there are ideas to possibly reach out to other organizations such as the YMCA who may want to run the program, to off load the responsibility of staffing for the program.
3. DBAA: Discussion was held that Eric Detweiler is the new chairperson. Lake Drive field remains un-mowed. J. Picaretta is trying to organize workers for the field care, rain has been an obstacle. The small field still needs tilled and raked.

4. Monocacy Hill Hunting Restrictions - It was agreed there would be no changes made to the hunting restrictions.
5. Hill Road automatic locks - Discussion was held that they will be budgeted for 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hill Road Park Parking: 2 sites have been assessed for parking, one is by the field, however, the township engineer has determined the site as being in a floodplain, the other site, the Letort playground has had dispute from neighbors in the development at a public meeting.
2. Letort Playground: The poor condition of the park was discussed and how it is in dire need of repair provoking the inquiry of options for installation of replacement equipment.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

LICENSE COMMITTEE: The contract the school has with GSA does not include maintenance of all of ACP. The School has a third party mowing the remainder of the park. Casey stated the district would be putting mulch around all of the trees. Mr. Bingaman also addressed the need for water control on field #47. Infield mix was delivered, however, to date, the district has not spread it on the fields due to the excessive rains and need for constant mowing. Patrick Moore will be removing the grass from the square where the Little Red Mailbox was placed and playground mulch will be placed. The District indicated a desire to utilize the fields at ACP more regularly, schedules will be needed. Lastly, we discussed the need to amend the current license agreement to address various issues that have come up over the years since it was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. DCNR/DCED & USTA Grant Applications: No response yet on any of the grant applications.
2. Daniel Boone Music Boosters- Music in the Park will not take place.
3. Movies in the Park will and is scheduled for 8/19/18
4. Locust Grove Park Cleanup/Mulch: It was weeded sprayed and re-mulched. Mr. Weller expressed the idea of blowing mulch on the playgrounds. Mr. Bingaman responded that the cost is several thousand dollars higher than regular conventional placement of mulch.
5. Amity Community Park Drainage Improvement/Mulch/Field Use/Dugout Grit: Drainage improvements were planned for Amity Community Park to prevent washing out of the playground mulch. The grit was spread in the dugouts and the playground was re-mulched.
6. Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 11, 2018.
7. Monocacy Hill 20th Anniversary recognition is scheduled to take place October 14, 2018 from 10-5 with a picnic lunch from 11-2 in celebration.

BOARD CONCERNS:

1. Cub Scouts is planning a potential Christmas tree sale and would like to use the Township parking lot for the sale. The Manager had no objection.

2. Lake Drive Field is in need of weed eating on outside of fence. Mr. Bingaman will address with the contractor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. Miller and was seconded by Mr. Berry to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Approved 9/10/18