

AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Pam Kisch, Scott Weller, Pete Gaskins, Pete Kelly, Pat from Amity Township, & Lisa Miller ^{more}

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Pete Gaskins seconded by Lisa Miller, the minutes were approved 3-0.

VISITORS: Pete Kelly was present from DBAA. He asked if the remaining \$786 left from the \$3000 allotted to the group if it can get transferred to next year and be added to the monies they will receive in 2019. When they were told no to the transfer, they asked if DBAA gives the Township the additional money of \$414 and add that to the \$786 to total \$1200 if the Township could purchase the batting cage nets for the group. It was agreed that it wouldn't be a problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lake Drive Fence Repair: The repairs are completed and Pat asked for no soft toss batting against the fence. There will be signs made up stating for no soft toss batting against the fence.
2. Hill Road Parking: Pat reached out to the new owners of the property lot across from the Hill Road fields. He is waiting to hear back.
3. Letort Park- Playground Equipment Ordered: Third Little Pigs presented another option at a 40% discount which was attractive so the Township jumped on it and the Board approved the purchase at a cost of \$12,652.91. In addition to this we are replacing two pieces at ACP and two pieces at Locust Grove – both parks will get a Whirl with Me and a Max Twist Climber. These pieces will total \$11,058.06. The total for the playground equipment for all three parks is \$23,710.97 to help spruce them up. The exception is Lake Drive Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cub Scout Christmas Tree Sale: There are no objections from the Township for the Scouts to sell the trees on their property again this year. The sale will start on Black Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. The Scouts want to donate a tree to the Township for using the lot.
2. 2019 Meeting Dates: No meeting for January, September meeting will be held on September 9th. All the other meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month. A motion was made by Scott Weller and a second by Pete Gaskins for the changes to the meeting schedule for the year of 2019. Approved 3-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

LICENSE COMMITTEE: Amity Community Park Agreement - Troy Bingaman is reviewing the proposed edits. He is expected to submit for the Board to review in the next few weeks.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Parks & Recreation Debt: The total debt remaining to be paid (principal and interest) is \$987,414. The final payment is in 2027 at which time the Supervisors will determine what if any action to take on the Recreation Tax that was implemented last year.
2. Building a Better Boyertown – Proposed Trail: Adrienne Blank, Building a Better Boyertown's Main Street Manager and their consultants met with Pam Kisch and Troy Bingaman to review their proposed Secret Valley Trail. A map was provided of their proposed routes. They have asked for what our preliminary feelings are and offered to attend a meeting if the Board prefers. If we are generally okay with their proposed route, they would like to host a meeting to discuss the possibility with the affected property owners. In our case they are : John Frommer, Peter Wanner, Linda Onorato, BB&T, Mauger Estate c/o Susan Rudy, Douglassville Aid II, Tornetta Realty, Tower Health, American Crane, Whitman/Norheim, & Ruth Peterson Trust.
3. Special Event Application: The Daniel Boone Optimist Club has applied for the Annual Community Tree Lighting, being held December 9th, starting at 5:00pm at Amity Community Park. On December 31st the 300th Anniversary Celebration kicks off from 3-7 at ACP. If anyone is able to volunteer some time, we will need many hands that day both before , during, and after the event.
4. Pending Grants:
 - a. DCNR – Park Rehab/Dev (PRD) – Lake Drive Playground, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Skate Park, Lighting, etc. \$202,556.59
 - b. DCED – Greenway, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP) - same as above scope (match to the first grant) \$195,742.36 Rejected
 - c. USTA - Facility Assistance Program – supplement to the grants above. \$30,000.00

BOARD CONCERNS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Pete Gaskins and seconded by Lisa Miller to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.

Next Meeting December 3rd at 7pm

Approved 12/3/2018