

Amity Township Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Scott Weller, Paul Darrah III, Evan Dominick, Brian Duffie, Deanna Karst, Troy Bingaman, Pam Kisch, Jim Breen (DBAA), Chris Michener (DBAA)

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

Brian Duffie made a motion, seconded by Evan Dominick to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

DBAA AGREEMENT REVIEW:

1. Field/Park Improvements – Troy stated all improvements must go before the Parks and Recreation Board for recommendation and then onto the Board of Supervisors for their approval.
2. Certificate of Insurance – Jim Breen, DBAA, stated they will provide a new Certificate of Insurance in April.
3. Scheduling – Troy stated the school has priority field use for ACP fields, followed by DBAA and asked when DBAA would be able to provide schedules for ACP and Lake Drive fields. Jim Breen said April 18th will be the 2020 opening day and schedules could be provided around April 1st. Scott stated the school receives priority during the school year.
4. Responsibilities – Troy said all organizations are now required to collect their trash and recyclables and place them in dumpsters at the Municipal Building.
5. DBAA Donation – Troy said the agreement was approved with a blank for the amount of donation DBAA was providing. Scott recommended moving that item under Hill Road Park and working with Pat for an approximate cost of supplies.
6. Infield Mix/Conditioner – Requests for anything other than infield mix and/or conditioner should go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. Chris Michener, DBAA, asked if the language could be changed to include anything that benefits the playing field, to include fertilizer. Troy stated it could be, provided it's agreeable with the officers of DBAA as payment would be made out of the \$3,000.00 annual allotment. DBAA should give the Township a two-week notice when they need materials. Chris asked about materials for the Legion Field in Birdsboro and gravel for the fields and batting cages at ACP. Troy stated that the Township doesn't own that field and would not provide materials. Troy will speak to Pat about gravel for ACP fields and batting cages. Future requests for infield mix or gravel should go directly to Pat Moore.
7. Locks – Chris stated locks have been changed on the sheds but not the concession stands. Troy stated restrooms at Hill Road will have new locks placed on them and will be on timers like the other Township parks. Chris asked about gaining access to the shed between the Amity Intermediate School building and River Rock. That shed is on the Daniel Boone School District property.
8. DBAA – Jim Breen said he would look into having Pam Kisch notified when DBAA makes changes to their software for field scheduling to avoid scheduling conflicts.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Healthy Kids Running Series – Troy met with the program organizers and reported the program is moving forward.
2. 2020 Summer Camp Program – Troy reported there was concern about the school running a similar program utilizing the Greater Philadelphia YMCA. After the Reading Berks YMCA rep spoke to the Greater Philadelphia YMCA rep, they determined there wouldn't be any conflict and the Township Summer Program will move forward and will be run by the Reading Berks YMCA.
4. Ash Tree Removal at Monocacy Hill – Approximately 130+ hazard Ash Trees will be removed at the entrance and main trail by Bob Andrews Tree Care. Mr. Andrews donated two days of his time and charged two days of time to finish the project. Paul mentioned State Parks charge a for anyone wishing to purchase downed trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Risa Marmontello, MHCA, reached out to Troy regarding a request from Sean Selbst who would like to do his Eagle Scout project at Monocacy Hill. The project was in the early planning stages and additional details will be provided.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

LICENSE COMMITTEE: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. 2020 Harvest Festival planning is underway. The 2020 Harvest Festival will be held on October 10th and 11th at Amity Community Park.
2. 2020 Blazer Days will be held June 10th through June 14th at Amity Community Park. Organizers are planning on requesting the Board of Supervisor's permission to have beer and wine at this event.
3. DCNR & USTA Grants – USTA has given notice the Township will be awarded \$30,000.00 for tennis court improvements, including light and fencing. The USTA Grant was used as a match for the DCNR Grant award of \$200K. The DCNR Grant is a 50/50 match, meaning the Township would contribute \$170K towards the Lake Drive Park improvements. The complete project will include rehab of the tennis and basketball courts, skate park, lights and fencing. The new playground equipment installation is scheduled for this spring.
4. Troy reported there was recent vandalism at Lake Drive Park. One picnic table bench was broken and graffiti was spray painted on the existing playground equipment. Video footage has been reviewed and the investigation continues.
5. A prior DBAA member has contacted the Township to assist the head coach for the Barnstormers Baseball Team in reserving 60x90 baseball fields. The Township requested a roster and more information to determine the category for this team and advised them reservation could be made once the affiliate teams have submitted their schedules.

BOARD CONCERNS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Brian Duffie and seconded by Paul Darrah III to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Approved July 6, 2020