

AMITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Scott Weller, Paul Darrah, Deanna Karst, Evan Dominick, Troy Bingaman, Jim Breen, and John Gleason

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Paul Darrah made a motion, seconded by Evan Dominick to approve the January 4, 2022, minutes as written. Approved 4-0

VISITORS:

John Gleason, DBAA Softball was present to report they will have 8 teams this season and to discuss the maintenance of the fields at Amity Community Park. He stated, many teams including the MS, several churches and DBAA utilize these fields. They have had little to no up-keep over the past 8-10 yrs. DBAA would be willing to purchase new bases, however we could not leave them out all the time for obvious reasons. They would be stored every day. The issues raised are:

Field 40 - needs infield mix/dirt to build it up and ease the flooding

- gravel around the bench areas as these areas get completely under water
- home plate is cracking and could pose a sliding hazard
- pitching rubber is old and worn
- foul poles are broken and falling down
- electric outlet does not work

Field 40 - batting cage - if we could get gravel spread in the whole cage this would prevent further damage caused by landscaping equipment.

Field 41- needs infield mix/dirt build up to ease flooding as the dirt has eroded

- home plate is breaking apart, again a potential hazard
- pitching rubber is old and worn
- bases are old and cracking
- gravel around the bench areas to ease flooding
- foul poles are broken and falling down

Field 42 - infield mix/dirt to ease flooding as the infield has eroded.

- home plate is old and worn.
- pitching rubber is old and worn.
- bases are also old and worn.
- foul poles are broken and falling down.

Mr. Bingaman stated he would schedule a License Committee meeting to address these concerns with the district as they maintain the fields. Mr. Weller offered to attend the meeting.

Jim Breen stated opening day is April 10<sup>th</sup> and they hope to have schedules loaded in the next few weeks. Township staff will pull the schedules down from DBAA's site. Any changes to the schedule,

specifically for ACP will need to be entered into FMX (District's scheduling site) for approval by Township staff. Mr. Breen also indicated the DBAA Board would be meeting next week to finalize the shed project for Hill Road. Mr. Bingaman stated a permit was issued by the Township for placement of the shed along the first base line of the lowest field.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Digital Newsletter Letter:** Mr. Bingaman informed the Board the first digital news went out 3/3 to 1,375 recipients. As of 3/7, mid-day, 805 opened the email and there were 95 link clicks within the items. There were 1,327 successful deliveries, 48 emails bounced back for various reasons and 4 folks unsubscribed. The plan is a monthly news push – we'll be able to monitor activity moving forward.
2. **Lake Drive Playground Install:** Mr. Bingaman reported the new playground at Lake Drive would be installed beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
3. **Lake Drive Park Improvements:** Mr. Bingaman stated the "project" to upgrade the tennis courts, basketball courts and skate park should be out to be in the next 30-60 days.
4. **Tennis & Basketball Courts – ACP:** A quote was received for the additional pickleball lines as previously discussed. It is recommended the courts be power washed before painting lines. A quote was received from Lancaster Asphalt Systems to power wash 6 courts and paint pickleball lines on 4 courts for \$5,200. They also included the basketball courts to be power washed for \$1,200. This expense would be shared with the district and will be discussed at the License Committee meeting.
5. **Shed at Hill Road:** see above.
6. **Fence Repairs – Hill Road:** Mr. Bingaman stated this is on the Township's radar for fence repairs on the upper field. Mr. Breen asked if there would be grass planting again this year. Mr. Bingaman was not aware of any.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Field & Pavilion Rentals:** Mr. Bingaman informed the Board Joanne Herb, Admn. Asst. would be handling rentals of facilities moving forward. Pam will be working with her to transition the task.

**PLANNING COMMISSION: NONE**

**LICENSE COMMITTEE: NONE** - Township will schedule a meeting soon.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Reading-Berks YMCA has advertised the 2022 Summer Camp; it was shared via Facebook. The Daniel Boone Optimist Club Egg Hunt will be held at ACP on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Amity Fireman's Carnival will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Harvest Fest is tentatively scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Blazer Education Foundation, the Optimist Club, and the Softball Tournament folks from last October.

**BOARD CONCERNS: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Paul Darrah, seconded by Deanna Karst to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

Approved April 4<sup>th</sup>