

AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2023

Meeting held at Hill Road Park

ATTENDANCE: Scott Weller, Deanna Karst, Pete Gaskins, Lisa Miller, Troy Bingaman, Jim Breen, and Lorie Callander

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Weller called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Deanna Karst made a motion, seconded by Pete Gaskins to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved 4-0,

VISITORS:

1. Jim Breen DBAA
2. Lorie Callander Buddy Ball

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park Inspection – Hill Road: The Recreation Board toured the Hill Road Park looking for items that need attention. The following list is what was found.
 - A. Pavilion roof needs to be repaired/replaced. There are several spots around the outer edge as well as a couple of spot further in where the wood is rotted. The big issue is that the wood in question is tung and groove.
 - B. Crushed stone paths need to be freshened up.
 - C. Field 2 (middle field) gates need to be straightened. They are crooked and don't close properly. Ultimately, they'd like them widened.
 - D. All dugouts need to be pressure washed and painted. (DBAA will be completing this soon)
 - E. All dugouts plywood interior rooves need to have damage fixed.
 - F. Dugout roof field 3 needs new shingles.
 - G. Field 2 right first base fence in right field pole needs to be fixed. It is leaning out. The fencing is also curled up on the right side where someone could get hurt.
 - H. Flag poles need lights placed on them or DBAA should take the flag down at night.
 - I. Dirt bins by field 2 outfield – the right bin needs to be emptied of the debris that is in it.
 - J. It was noted, the DBAA sheds require attention as there is rotted wood around the bottom, doors are in rough condition and the side of the large shed is in bad condition.
2. Handicap Accessibility at Hill Road: Buddy Ball is looking for better access to field 2 and 3 that is used for Buddy Ball. Better access is needed from the parking lot to the pavilion then to the fields. Once at the field the gate doors need to be widened to make easier access for the motorized wheelchairs. Prime width for the gates would be 4 feet. A motion was made by Scott Weller to recommend gate modification to 4ft and for stone paths to be put down to have access from parking lot to the fields. The motion was seconded by Pete Gaskins. Approved 4-0. Mr. Bingaman stated grant funding could be sought to try to accomplish these improvements.

3. Electric for Batting Cage – ACP: This was approved, and a permit was issued for the electric. Now it is a matter of cutting the ditch and for the electrician to come out to lay the wires for the electric. Coordination is required with Public Works.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION: NONE

LICENSE COMMITTEE: MEETING HELD 2/23

1. Tennis Courts – it was noted the courts are deteriorating and will need attention in the near future. Eileen Schmidt inquired if the “ice rink” court could be reconstructed without the potential for conversion to a rink. It was noted this has not been used in the past ten (10+) years. Ms. Schmidt stated the District would not be able to take on this project until July 2024. She will however obtain some quotes for reconstruction.
2. Mr. Bingaman asked about the possibility of getting Field 47 playable. Mrs. Schmidt stated Athletics maintains Fields 42, 46 & sometimes 45 as they are the fields used by the District. Jay Withers, DBASD Facilities felt there was not funding available at this time for 47. They agreed to look into this further as the License Agreement puts the maintenance responsibilities on the District.
3. Discussion took place regarding Field 46 which had a rehab 3 years ago. It was noted there is a low spot again as regular dragging is not taking place by those using the same.
4. It was noted fields 48, 49 & 50 would be closed in the near future for aeration and overseeding.
5. A request was made for the Police to conduct drive-throughs once the park is fully in use to prevent illegal parking along the entrance.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Lake Drive Park Update: This matter is still in dispute.
2. Tennis Program: Staff is working with Ms. Cubero to develop a summer program as well as additional programming at Lake Drive.
3. YMCA Summer Camp: The YMCA has obtained authorization for use of the MS, as needed, for the summer camp. The program is currently being advertised.
4. DB Lacrosse: Lacrosse is gearing up, they are limited to play on field 43 due to overseeding of 48, 49 & 50 which are closed until the grass fills in and Halters gives the okay to use the same.
5. Park Opening: Water is scheduled to be turned on March 30th.
6. DB Optimist Egg Hunt: Scheduled for April 1st with a rain date of April 8th.

BOARD CONCERNS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Lisa Miller, seconded by Deanna Karst to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0, The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Approved 4/18/23