

Township of Spring Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes –May 20th, 2021

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Richard Bashore in the Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building. Board Members William Aukamp, Sheila Faust, Michael Kocher and Director Judy Houck were also present. The following individuals attended the meeting via teleconference: Park Board Members Don Watterson and Keith Stamm.

Approval of Minutes – *Motion to approve the minutes of the April 15th, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Stamm, seconded by Mr. Watterson. MOTION CARRIED*

Courtesy of the Floor – None

General Report – Ms. Houck reviewed the written monthly report and the following reports: *Supervisor Meeting Minutes 3/22/21; 4/12/21; 4/26/21, Capital Projects Report May 2021, Program Status Reports for Winter/Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 and the Net Revenue Report for Winter/Spring 2021.*

Ms. Houck reported (57) facility permits were booked during the month of April. This does not include all of the date changes made to athletic field schedules due to rain-outs and COVID related game changes. Resident registrations for the summer programs began on May 3rd. Our online promotion of programs proved to be beneficial and registrations started coming in the first day. As expected, there were a few complaints about the non-residents having to wait to register for the programs.

Earlier this year the Public Works Department built new stage doors at West Lawn Park and Berks Fire and Water cleaned and eliminated some mold issue in the stage area. Currently the Lion's Club is re-painting, repairing lights and installing vents for air circulation in this area. All work is scheduled to be completed for the first Family Fun Night presentation June 9th.

The first meadow area at Shiloh Hills Park has been started and the expanded area is scheduled to start the week of May 17th. We have partnered with Berks County Conservation District and Penn State Master Watershed Stewards to develop a live stake nursery at Cacoosing Meadows Park. This project will provide the Master Watershed Stewards with a source of live stakes for creek and river side restoration projects throughout the County. This nursery will provide the Township with an enhanced riparian buffer along the Cacoosing Creek.

Old Business –

COVID Regulation Update – Ms. Houck stated that the Board of Supervisors will be making a decision at their meeting on Monday, May 24th in regards to the lifting of restrictions. Ms. Houck indicated that the Department will continue to follow current restrictions and protective measures including temperature checks and the wearing of face masks.

Old Business (Continued)

Park Board's Vision – At the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting Ms. Houck included examples of vision statements and a current Parks and Recreation Department page from the Township's Vision Worksheet. Mr. Kocher liked the example of each neighborhood having a park within 10 minutes walking distance. Ms. Houck suggested if the Board is interested she would research, gather information and develop a map to help plan the capability of filling in the holes.

General Comments – None

New Business –

General Frank's Field/Wilson Lease Agreement – Ms. Houck distributed a copy of a (5) five year lease with Liberty Wilson Youth Baseball, for their use of General Frank's Field. The current lease expires December 31, 2021. Ms. Houck requested that the Board review this document prior to the next meeting. This will be an agenda item for the June 17th meeting.

Werner Farmhouse Property – This property was part of the Recreation Dedication for the Werner Farm Subdivision. The gentlemen who was currently leasing the property recently passed away. The Township will perform Property and Building Code Inspections. The findings of these inspections will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review. If the Board decides to continue renting the farmhouse, it will need to go through the public bidding process.

General Comments – None

Announcements –

- A list of upcoming programs and events has been included on the back of the agenda.
- **Next meeting - Thursday, June 17th, 2021 – 7:00 pm.**

Adjournment – *Motion made by Mr. Aukamp, seconded by Ms. Faust to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm - MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Breneman
Customer Service Representative