

## Township of Spring Parks and Recreation Board

### Meeting Minutes – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Chairperson Richard Bashore called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building. The following members were present: Keith Stamm, Michael Kocher, William Aukamp and William Herbine. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director, Judy Houck and Assistant Township Manager/Director of Facilities, Dean Murray.

**Amendments to the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Agenda** – *Motion to amend the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Agenda of the Parks and Recreation Board to add the following topics, Property Proposal from Mr. Glaze and Shiloh Hills Park Master Site Plan under New Business: was made by Mr. Stamm, seconded by Mr. Kocher. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.*

**Approval of Minutes** – *Motion made by Mr. Aukamp, seconded by Mr. Stamm to approve the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.*

**Courtesy of the Floor** – President Matt Shirk, of Lincoln Park Swimming Association and Vice President Pamela VanOstenbridge, 300 Stanford Drive, West Lawn. Seeking an opportunity to collaborate with the Township to enhance part of the Association's property where the tennis courts used to be located. During the review of their proposal with the Park Board and Assistant Township Manager Dean Murray, the concern of using public funds for a private organization was expressed and several suggestions were provided to help them pursue their proposal.

**General Report** – Ms. Houck provided a brief overview of the written reports. The Department is still in the process of interviewing playground leaders and at this time the total number of playground registrants is lower than last year's attendance figures. Ms. Houck reported that Spring Township's Night at the Reading Phillies took place on April 13<sup>th</sup> and the Youth and Senior Rodeos are scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**Comprehensive Plan** – Ms. Houck reported that she has not received the next draft yet.

**Winter-Spring Programs** – Nothing new to report.

**Summer Playground Program** – Ms. Houck will provide an update to the Park Board regarding the playground information after the May 1<sup>st</sup> registration deadline.

**West Wyomissing Park – Master Site Plan**– Ms. Houck reported that: the Master Site Plan Steering Committee has been established, the contract has been awarded to YSM, the first committee meeting will be Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Public Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at West Wyomissing Park and the first “Neighborhood Night in the Park” will also be held that evening at West Wyomissing Park.

## **New Business**

Property Proposal for 911 Gring's Hill Road – Ms. Houck reviewed the property proposal from Mr. Glaze. The property is owned by Stephen Hurst and the proposal requests that the Township study the possibility of purchasing the land from Mr. Hurst and add the 5+ acres to the Kline's Creek Park. The Park Board proposed that if the property owner is open to selling, they may consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to explore the proposal.

Shiloh Hills Park – Master Site Plan – Ms. Houck reviewed the amenities that were proposed in the 2003 Shiloh Hills Park Master Site Plan. Funds were budgeted in 2024 to create a Master Site Plan for the northside of the Park. In order to address the Supervisors' concerns about a kitchen and pickleball courts, Ms. Houck is recommending that the open field across from the elementary school be included in the Master Site Plan. Ms. Houck was directed to obtain a cost estimate to develop a Master Site Plan for the remaining undeveloped areas of the park. The Board is also interested in including a citizen survey as part of this plan.

General Comments – None

## **Announcements** –

- A list of upcoming programs and events has been included on the back of the agenda.
- Next meeting – Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** – *Motion was made by Mr. Aukamp, seconded by Mr. Herbine to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. – MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0*

Respectfully submitted,

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