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PARK & RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING

October 26, 2022

PRESENT: JEFF WILLIAMS, CHRISTINA DRYDEN, JASON SAPOSNEK, NICK CHRISTIE, LAUREN SANKER, JESSICA MARTINI – MEMBERS; James Cochran, Township Commissioner; Richard Castranio, Township Commissioner; Kelly Palmer, Assistant Township Manager; Eddie Mera-Aguilar, Parks and Facilities Coordinator; Julie Roth, Recording Secretary

VISITORS

Scott Stedjan- Mechanicsburg Youth Lacrosse
Jim Salter- Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Girls Softball

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All present introduced themselves.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Sanker to approve the meeting minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saposnek and passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Williams mentioned that he attended the latest Board of Commissioners meeting to hear about Generations Park and the decision on the farmhouse demolition was tabled. He added that the dog park meeting was held on October 4th and the John Burch memorial bench was discussed. Mr. Williams asked about the paving of the path at the dog park and Ms. Palmer stated that it is to be done this year.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Township Commissioners – James Cochran/Richard Castranio

none

2. Assistant Township Manager – Kelly Palmer

Ms. Palmer announced that the township was awarded a \$450,000 grant from the county for trails around Generations Park. Mr. Williams asked who wrote the grant and Ms. Palmer replied that she wrote it. Mr. Williams gave her special recognition for a job well done. Ms. Palmer mentioned that Mr. Krebs was not able to attend the meeting as he got married last Saturday and was off this week.

3. Parks Director – Chad Krebs

absent

4. Parks & Facilities Coordinator- Eddie Mera-Aguilar

Mr. Mera-Aguilar stated that field 4 at Winding Hills Park North is almost finished. He added that the work has started for the safety crossing lights between north and south. Mr. Mera-Aguilar mentioned that trunk or treat will take place tomorrow evening from 6-8pm at Fisher Park. He stated that several of the sports groups along with the township, fire department, and police will all be participating.

5. Mechanicsburg Recreation Department – Absent

Ms. Palmer noted that the joint recreation meeting went well and Commissioner Castranio added that the recreation department did not have the summer information together yet to report on. Mr. Williams stated that Ms. Brown is coaching the girl's field hockey team and they are having a wonderful season.

PARK ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Christie mentioned that Center Square Park and Simpson Park look great. He added that the parks department does a fantastic job.

Mr. Williams mentioned that Country Estates looks good and even though it was light rain, someone was fishing at McCormick Park. He added that the dog park committee is deciding on where to place the John Burch memorial bench. Mr. Williams added that the plaque along the back of the bench is gorgeous. He asked when the two large dog fields would be switched, and Mr. Mera-Aguilar stated that will happen in the next few weeks.

Ms. Sanker mentioned that Grantham Park looks great and there are a lot of leaves down.

Ms. Dryden stated that both Friendship Park and Rosegarden Park look great and it was nice to see all of the soccer teams out on the fields at Friendship Park.

Mr. Saposnek mentioned that Fisher Park was in good shape but the gate at Miller's Crest Park was missing. Mr. Mera-Aguilar added that the gate was taken down for repair.

Ms. Martini mentioned that Aspen Park, Spring Run Park and Mt. Allen Park all looked good.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2023 Field Permit Application

Mr. Mera-Aguilar mentioned that since the last meeting, they had a separate meeting with all of the sports groups where changes were made that everyone agreed with. He added that one of the major changes was they could have volunteers for parking control instead of having to pay fees for someone to do the parking control. Mr. Mera-Aguilar mentioned that the insurance premium amount was changed back to the \$1 million amount that all groups currently have. He added that a vendor permit application was created with guidelines and rules. Mr. Salter thanked the staff for agreeing to meet with the groups and helping everyone out. Ms. Palmer added that it was a very productive meeting. Commissioner Cochran asked how the staff will know if the permit application is for a camp or single use. Mr. Mera-Aguilar stated that there are not many single day uses that are not camps and they are to clarify what the usage is for when completing the application.

A motion was made by Ms. Sanker to recommend the 2023 Field Permit Application to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saposnek and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. John Burch Bench Dedication

Mr. Williams mentioned that the bench dedication will take place on November 15th at 3pm. He added that it will be a short and informal event. Mr. Williams added that the bench is a top-of-the-line bench and that a burch tree will also be planted in his name.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business to discuss, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Roth
Recording Secretary