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**PARK & RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING**

April 27, 2022

PRESENT: JEFF WILLIAMS, CHRISTINA DRYDEN, NICK CHRISTIE, LAUREN SANKER, JESSICA MARTINI – MEMBERS; James Cochran, Township Commissioner; Richard Castranio, Township Commissioner; Scott Fraser, Township Manager; Chad Krebs, Parks Director; Eddie Mera-Aguilar, Parks & Facilities Coordinator; Julie Roth, Recording Secretary

VISITORS

Dawn Waterman- Keystone FCU

Doug Marsico- Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association

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. Dryden to approve the meeting minutes from the March 23, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christie and passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Williams mentioned that he attended both the Maryland and Pennsylvania recreation conferences last month. He stated that they had the standard vendors and there was nothing exciting to see. Mr. Williams added that he sent out information on chainsaw surfaces and painting walkways with activities.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. *Township Commissioners – Jim Cochran, Richard Castranio*

Commissioner Cochran mentioned there was a posting on Facebook over the weekend regarding a lacrosse event at Winding Hills Park South and the township and police were badmouthed over parking in the grass. He added that there was a sign at the entrance to the park but asked Mr. Krebs to add a few more signs. Commissioner Cochran stated that they were given a chance to move but several cars did not move. The Director of Girl's Lacrosse stated that she sent out an email ahead of time asking people not to park on the grass and a police officer approached her and said he would wait an hour to see if people would move and she sent out emails again at that time. She added that he instead gave two hours before he started issuing tickets. Mr. Williams applauded her for sending the emails out. Commissioner Cochran asked Dawn Waterman from Keystone FCU what they do for policing the parking and she stated that they would have someone walk around to see where those people are from so that something can be mentioned but they have not had to do that for a while now.

Commissioner Cochran added that the area behind the playground at Winding Hills Park North has not been decided on but it is a very low area, therefore a deal has been made with a local contractor that needs top soil but has fill to exchange it with and that will help to fill in that area. Commissioner Cochran stated that in the paving bids for this year, the path at the entrance to the dog park will be paved along with widening a portion of the path at Fisher Park. Mr. Fraser added that once the contract comes in, he will let Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association know when the work is planned to be done. Commissioner Cochran also mentioned that the entrance to 1215 McCormick Road will also be paved.

Commissioner Cochran asked about the sponsor signs all over the outfields at Fisher Park. Mr. Marsico mentioned that it was discussed when the lighting of Fisher Park was first discussed to help raise the money for them. Commissioner Cochran asked if the scoreboard stops working, who pays for it and Mr. Marsico stated that the association would pay for it. Commissioner Cochran asked the same about the lights at Fisher Park and Mr. Marsico stated that the lights belong to the township. Mr. Krebs added that the lights have a twenty-five-year warranty on them.

2. *Township Manager – Scott Fraser*

None

3. *Parks Director – Chad Krebs*

Mr. Krebs introduced Eddie Mera-Aguilar, the Parks & Facilities Coordinator, to the board. He stated that he will be handling sports events, playground inspections, and project oversight. Mr. Williams asked who all is certified in playground inspections and Mr. Krebs added that currently he is the only one that is certified but that Mr. Mera-Aguilar will get his certification.

4. *Parks & Facilities Coordinator- Eddie Mera-Aguilar*

Mr. Mera-Aguilar stated that he is excited to come on board.

5. *Mechanicsburg Recreation Department – Tonya Brown*

Ms. Brown introduced Nicole Singiser, Assistant Director for Mechanicsburg Recreation Department. She mentioned that Ms. Singiser is a graduate of Messiah University and is certified as an athletic trainer. Ms. Brown stated that her main responsibilities are

elementary basketball, the after-school program, and summer adventure program. Ms. Brown mentioned that the community playground program staff looks like a good group this year with a lot of returning staff. She added that the summer brochure went out through the schools and the numbers in all of the summer programs are either full or very high.

PARK ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Christie mentioned that Center Square Park looks very clean but the disc golf numbers are coming off the course at Simpson Park.

Mr. Williams stated that McCormick Park looked beautiful as always and the quarterly dog park meeting was held. He added that it was confirmed to hold the 4th anniversary dedication of the Dog Park on June 30th along with the bench dedication in memory of John Burch.

Ms. Dryden mentioned that everything looks clean and ready for spring at Friendship Park and that Rosegarden Park looks good.

Mr. Williams added that Mr. Saposnek sent an email stating everything looked good at Fisher Park and Miller's Crest Park. Mr. Williams also drove past both Winding Hill Parks and they looked good.

Ms. Martini mentioned that everything looks great at the parks and there were a few kids at Spring Run Park. Mr. Krebs stated that there will be some construction at Spring Run Park but there will still be access to the park.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Movie Night Update

Mr. Krebs mentioned that the movie nights are planned for July 22nd and August 19th. He added the food trucks will start serving at 7pm and the movie will start at dusk.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dog Park Incident Notification Procedure

Mr. Fraser stated that this procedure states if the police are called and the incident has resulted in an injury, they will be cited, and the dog will be removed from the park. He added that they could go to the District Court and contested it and if they win then the dog will be permitted to come back. Mr. Fraser stated that if they are removed then they will be given a full refund. Mr. Williams mentioned that this is purely a Township decision and not something that the dog park committee wanted to go through, but it is for the safety of everyone that uses the park. He added that they are fortunate that there have not been many cases. Ms. Dryden asked if it would just be the dog that would be banned and Mr. Fraser stated that if the owner has another dog, then that other dog will still be permitted access to the park. Mr. Fraser added that the policy will be sent out once it is finalized.

2. Seasonal Maintenance Guidelines

Mr. Krebs stated that he wanted to put something together more as a reference sheet that could be sent out to the sports groups. Commissioner Castranio mentioned to remove the hours of when maintenance requests and concerns can

be submitted. Mr. Krebs added that he will post the guidelines on the website and that due to weather, the dates will not be set in stone.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on May 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business to discuss, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Roth
Recording Secretary