



West Hanover Township - Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

628 Walnut Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17112

May 17, 2023

Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly Board Meeting

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Steve Jones at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call: Steve Jones, Kevin Trafka, Russ Young, Michael Powell, Jan Bahret, Julie Young, Bob Warble, Samuel Smith (Alt.) Dawn Keller (Alt.)

Absent: Bob Warble

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a) **Wednesday, April 19, 2022** – Michael Powell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Julie Young. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment – Mr. Enck inquired about pickleball courts.

V. Board Presentations: Don shared updates on the Pickleball courts. Park and Recreation Maintenance staff have been working with Public Works crew clearing the area, laying asphalt, and just finished paving today. Necessary steps for sealing, painting and applying lines was discussed in order to get a timeline of when project may be complete as well as projected expenses.

Don updated the board on the outcome of the Ballpark Committee meeting on April 19th, 2023. Don provided population growth from US Census for West Hanover Township as well as feedback from West Hanover Elementary on the growth over the past 10 years. Based on those numbers and an estimated growth for the next 10 years discussion revolved around the needs to accommodate this growth through number of fields, diamonds, movable bases, etc. Don will be putting together a Survey Monkey to gain feedback from the public rating current field, accessibility to fields, restrooms, etc.

Additionally, don provided an update on Mt. Laurel Park to the board. General maintenance has been taking place at Mt. Laurel Park to date. Don has been preparing and focusing on the priority of infrastructure first. Things such as down power lines, plumbing issues/concerns, drilling a new well, etc. We must own before we can start working on it. The plan is once everything is signed off, we need insurances in place before any work can begin.

VI. Old Business – None.

VII. New Business –

- a) Don provided the board with a proposal/contract for fencing around the Pickleball court. This included a ADA walkway into the Pickleball court. The quote provided is through Co-star. All costs will be covered by FILO. Kevin Trafka made a motion to approve sending a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mike Powell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) **Correspondence** – None

VIII. Upcoming Events – Jeannette reviewed all upcoming events.

IX. Public Comment – Mr. Enck recommended advertising “Pickleball coming to the West Hanover Township area”. He noted that Pickleball and leagues were one of the fastest growing sports in America.

X. Board Comments – None.

XI. Adjournment – Motion made by Jan Bahret to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm, seconded by Julie Young. Motion passed unanimously.