



## ***West Hanover Township - Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes***

628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112

September 20, 2017

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**Invitees:** None

**I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Rebecca Schwartz at 7:08 pm.

**II. Roll Call:** Rebecca Schwartz, Vice Chairman; Jan Bahret, Secretary; Gloria Zimmerman; Steve Jones; Jennifer Bower

**Absent:** Jeff Holt, Chairman; Marc Ehnot; Debbie Hetrick

**Also in attendance:** Don Steinmeier

**III. Approval of Minutes:** Gloria Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, seconded by Jenny Bower. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Public Comment** – Don Steinmeier, Township Supervisor – Mr. Steinmeier commented that he and his wife enjoyed the bus trip to Silver Birches Italian Festival.

**V. Board Presentations:** Don Holmes & Jeannette Zimmerman were present to make the following presentations to the Board:

- a) **Evacuation Center** - Don reported that the Community Center is now equipped with beds, bedding and comfort items for ten people in the event that residents would need to be evacuated to the center. Also presented was an assessment done by Cummins Power Systems on the backup generator. It was found to be insufficient for lighting and overall load. Also, the unit is about 40 years old and parts are no longer available for repairs, if needed. Quotes are being sought for replacement of the unit.

- b) **Holiday Park Sewer** – Don informed the Board that the Community Center will be required to hook up to the public sewer system by October 2018. Don noted that the concession stand would not need to be hooked up due to distance from the road.
- c) **Comp Plan Public Input Meeting** – Don reported a light turnout at the meeting, but quality input was collected. Ped paths seemed to be the hot topic discussed.
- d) **Movie in the Park** – Don reported a successful movie season and asked the Board for suggestions for next year. Sandlot, Goonies, and Star Wars were some of the classics suggested. The board thanked Mr. Yingst for his contribution to the program.
- e) **Cooking Class** – Info was given to the Board about the children’s cooking class being conducted.

## **VI. Old Business**

- a) **Dog Poop Stations** – Update - Jeannette is working with Redfern Canines on a sponsorship for the stations.
- b) **Fairville Park Playground** – Don reported that, due to weather, the project has been pushed back... Again. Don will report the progress at the next meeting.
- c) **Ped Path Project** – Plans from the 2002 Ped Path Plan by HRG was reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested that the original plans be compared to the plan that was presented by Mr. Schwartz for continuity.
- d) **Lenker Park Extension / Buck’s Tavern** – The Board discussed options with the property, including current zoning restrictions, setbacks, subdivision, etc.

## **VII. New Business**

- a) **Fairville Parking Lot** – Three options, as engineered by HRG, were reviewed by the Board. There were questions about whether or not additional spots could be added to the design and if the ADA walkway could be rerouted from the proposed sidewalk. Don will follow up with HRG to answer the questions at hand. The consensus of the Board was that Option #3 was the best design for the parking lot.
- b) **Winslett Phases 6 & 7** – Plans were reviewed for the upcoming construction of Phases 6 & 7 of Winslett.
- c) **Boy Scout Troop 27** – Mr. Smullen from Boy Scouts and Mr. White of the Cub Scouts had spoken to Don and expressed their interest in setting camping dates at Fairville Park. The Board is in favor of their request. Don will take to the BOS for final

approval. Jeannette has been working with several scouts on their Eagle projects and is trying to direct projects toward Fairville Park. Mr. Jones noted that he would like to see camping opportunities opened up to the public, as this seemed to be a high priority of those who had responded so far to the Comp Plan Survey. Jan Bahret made a motion to take this request to the BOS with the Board's support, seconded by Jenny Bower. Motion passed unanimously.

- d) **Parkview at Birch Run** – The Board reviewed and compiled a list of items to ask the builder to include as part of the construction process to improve the proposed park area. Items included are parking lot and lighting improvements, nature trail grading
- e) **Board Participation** – Mrs. Zimmerman requested that Mr. Ehnot's status be changed to Alternate Board Member and that Mrs. Bower's status be changed to Board Member. A motion was made by Gloria Zimmerman to make this recommendation to the BOS, seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously.
- f) **West Hanover Lions Club** – Mrs. Claire Zeiders from the West Hanover Lions Club had requested an area at the Community Center to showcase their banner, awards, etc. Don suggested a dedicating a wall in the lobby for these items to be displayed. The Board was in favor and did not feel a formal vote was needed. Don will take care of facilitating the wall.

### VIII. Upcoming Events

- a) Discussed upcoming events and excursions and Board participation for events.

### IX. Correspondence – None

- X. **Public Comment** – Don Steinmeier, Township Supervisor – Mr. Steinmeier asked the Board to discuss and consider land acquisition for future plans for Parks & Recreation and referenced a couple of properties available in the area. Discussion was held about a large sports field complex that would have adequate parking, lighting, baseball / soccer / softball fields for the Township.

### XI. Board Comments – None

- XII. **Adjournment** – Motion made by Jan Bahret to adjourn meeting at 8:12 pm, seconded by Jenny Bower. Motion passed unanimously.