

ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Parks and Recreation Board was held on February 4, 2020 at Adams Township Municipal Building located at 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA.

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. The following members of the Parks and Recreation Board were present: Heidi Brandon, Kelly Cheponis, Dave Goodworth, Cristine Henderson, Shelley Savoroski, Tom Scheller and Marilyn Watson. Also present was Parks & Recreation Director Haley Geyer and Rochelle Seideneck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Marilyn Watson and seconded by Heidi Brandon, the Parks and Recreation Board minutes for January 7, 2020 were approved.

Seven were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Arboretum Discussion

Back in December, Tom McMeekin with Quality Gardens attended the meeting to present an idea about the opportunity for Adams Township to donate some of the park or additional land to be made into an arboretum. The Parks & Recreation Board thought an arboretum would be a great opportunity for the Wygal Property once the Township closes on the land. Cristine Henderson informed the Board that she looked into Chatham University's program and Heidi Brandon mentioned approaching several universities to see if there would be any interest in a project like this. Rochelle Seideneck commented by saying universities could build it as a curriculum. Dave Goodworth stated in order to move forward with this project, we would have to create a set plan that would include lists of native trees and plants that are being used, determining a location, a maintenance strategy of how to upkeep this project, involving Public Works to see if they could help with maintenance, research the different certifications/qualifications and deciding which route to take with designing this project. The Parks & Recreation Board plans to revisit this subject once the Township closes on the Wygal Property this year.

Destination Playground Update

Haley Geyer updated the Board about the Destination Playground. Gary Pinkerton with Playworld has been involved with the design and layout of the project. Haley Geyer is seeking a second quote from Snider Recreation and will be submitting these options to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Shelley Savoroski questioned if we could look into canopy's or some kind of shading accessory as the equipment could become hot in the summer months. Haley Geyer responded by saying she could look into pricing for a second phase to add shading accessories and additional equipment, if needed. Grading and excavation will be completed by Public Works in April with a installation date in mid-May. The goal is to have the Destination Playground completed by the beginning of June.

Recyclable Benches

Heidi Brandon revisited collecting plastic through Trex and recommended that the Municipal Building could be a collection site. If Adams Township could collect a minimum of 500 pounds of plastic, we would receive a free bench for the park. The Parks & Recreation Board thought it would be a good opportunity. Haley Geyer questioned if the containers had to be placed inside the Municipal Building or if they could be placed outside. Dave Goodworth mentioned contacting John Hock to see if they would be able to help transport the plastic to a participating retailer (Kohls and/or Lowes) or if a non-profit organization would want to help. Heidi Brandon planned to do more research about the collection bins and Haley Geyer planned to contact local non-profit organizations about becoming involved with this project.

501c3 "Friends of Adams Township Community Park

Dave Goodworth asked what the status of the 501c3 was and Haley Geyer reported that Board of Supervisor Clay Morrow helped with sending the paperwork out to be filed and has not heard back. The goal is to have the 501c3 operating by next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 11, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. Haley Geyer asked the Board if they were able to volunteer at 11:30 A.M. to help with set-up and putting goodie bags together. Kelly Cheponis recommended reaching out to MASD students to see if they could offer face painting. Shelley Savoroski commented about moving the location to a different area of the park. She stated that the area for the 2nd and 3rd graders was too easy and recommended making it more challenging. Haley Geyer plans to look into a different location, but has to consider parking and which areas of the park will be under construction with future projects. Rochelle Seideneck mentioned she could have juice boxes donated by Giant Eagle for the goodie bags. Haley Geyer plans to include crafts and stickers in the goodie bags as the eggs will be filled with the candy and toys.

Children's Program Dates & Themes

Haley Geyer presented the Board with the two weekly themes and dates for children's programs. They are as follows:

S'Winter Week: July 13, 2020 through July 17, 2020

Join us for a week of wintery activities in the heat of summer! Together we will make snowmen, embark on a candy cane hunt and decorate holiday cookies. You'll be feeling the holiday spirit as we trim the tree, sing carols and make ornaments to take home. Who said that the holidays come only once a year? It's S' Winter time this week at Kids' Camp, but only for one week! Leave your hats, mittens and coats at home!

Summer Olympics Week: August 3, 2020 through August 7, 2020

Grab your torch and let the games begin! This week is all about team building and learning that the key to becoming an all-star is all about TEAMWORK! Through a variety of exhilarating games and

team-oriented activities, children will learn the fundamentals to having fun as well as the importance of being a true team player. Bring your game face, happy face and Olympic-sized heart!

Haley Geyer stated that Registration Forms and additional information is uploaded to the website and is taking registrations for the program. She added a spirit day theme for each day where children could wear their school colors on one day and crazy socks on another day. She has reached out to Erica Flowers through the MASD about a part-time job opportunity for students interested in becoming Kids' Camp Counselors and will be forwarding program information to Josh Schwoebel to upload to the E-Communicator and Mars Channel.

Other

Dave Goodworth asked about offering an electronic registration for pavilion rentals and children's programs. Haley Geyer stated this is something she could find out more information about and could be a future grant opportunity. She is currently working with CMIT, whom helped design the latest website. CMIT has been in the process of analyzing our website to make it ADA compliant. Rochelle Seideneck commented about the mars planet foundation and setting up a PayPal account for payments and donations. Heidi Brandon stated Darryl Brandon had set-up a PayPal account for Trail Adams and would offer to help.

2020 Community Day

Community Day is set for June 13, 2020. Haley Geyer gave an update about the Firework Representative and there will be a couple changes in this year's show and finale due to the firework regulations. She questioned the Board about set-up changes and ways to bring more residents to this event. Kelly Cheponis recommended placing all food trucks near the stage. Rochelle Seideneck mentioned they have a mobile, axe throwing trailer or bringing craft vendors to sell items like the Applefest or Spring Craft Show. Both Kelly Cheponis and Shelley Savoroski stated the inflatable area is always a hit with families and could always add to that. It was suggested to not have the Velcro wall. Cristine Henderson proposed different family challenges like dizzy waiter and three-legged races. Haley Geyer brought up the idea of involving different HOA's in a softball game or bringing in an activity like "Night at the Races". Other suggestions were Bingo, Bocce Tournament and Cornhole Tournament.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Marilyn Watson seconded by Dave Goodworth, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Seven were in favor.

Next meeting will be on March 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Haley Geyer