ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Parks and Recreation Board was held on April 2, 2024, at the Adams Township Municipal Building located at 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA, 16046.

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. The following members of the Parks and Recreation Board were present: Dave Goodworth, Shelley Savoroski, Marilyn Watson, and Rochelle Seideneck. Also present was the Parks & Recreation Director Brian Perry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion made by Marilyn and seconded by Shelly, the Parks and Recreation Board minutes for the November meeting were approved.

Public Comments: No public comment.

UPDATES: Brian Perry gave updates on the ongoing projects in the park. The basketball hoops have been removed and a walkway has been installed to connect the new parking area to the War Memorial parking area. Municipal Building Sidewalk project is still in the data collecting phase, no new information on that. Police Garage project is still in the planning phase, there area is being prepped for drainage and a new sewage line is to be placed. Recdesk software is still being implemented, Brian is working with Candace on training on the software as well. We are hoping to go live towards the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first order of new business was the open appointment for the committee. Members suggested that with so many applicants available, why not offer more seats to meet the original 9-member ordinance for the township. Brian said he would speak with management and supervisors on making that decision. The board decided to look at holding panel interviews in the next week for the board to get a chance to meet each candidate. Shelly suggested that anyone who isn't picked to be on the board should be directed towards the Friends of the Park Committee. Next order of new business was a review of the Egg Hunt. Brian and Dave reported that the weather did not cooperate, and the ground was very wet, but we still had over 100 kids attend and participate. The NHS volunteers from Mars high school were a tremendous help and they made the event a success. The last order of new business was discussing the 2024 splash pad attendant hiring. Brian reported that there were several candidates and that interviews were ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian opened discussion on any new spring/ summer events that could be proposed for the Parks and Recreation Department to host. Members were asked to think about anything new and to bring to the board. Brian asked the committee about how beneficiaries were chosen in the past for the car show. Dave mentioned we would discuss it in the summer meeting and choose from any families that were in need. Dave did have one suggestion from a local family who has a child in cancer treatment. The Board decided to table and discuss at a future meeting. Brian also asked to look out for possible replacement options for memorials in the park, the tree program is suspended, and the bench program is becoming expensive for those seeking a memorial bench.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. with a motion from Rochelle seconded by Marilyn. The next meeting will be on May 7, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Brian Perry