

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Reorganization and Regular Meeting
January 18, 2016**

PRESENT: Derek Kalp, Chair
Jude Simpson, Vice Chair
Greg Hayes
Kathleen Matason
David Schulte
Sue Smith
Judi Sittler

STAFF: Kent Baker, Township Engineer

ABSENT: Linda Magro, Recording Secretary
Dean Lawrence

AUDIENCE: None.

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Kent Baker at 7:06 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Hayes indicated that he is moving out of the Township in April and will no longer be able to participate as a member of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Schulte moved to nominate and elect Derek Kalp as Chair. Ms. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sittler moved to nominate and elect Ms. Simpson as Vice-Chair, Mr. Schulte seconded the motion. Motions carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The resignation of Michael Lembeck-Edens from the College Township Parks and Rec committee was noted. In light of this, Ms. Sitter volunteered to watch Slab Cabin Park. New park assignments will be made after new members are assigned by Council.

OB-1 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Ms Smith asked that Fogleman parking lot be removed from next year's first year plan. Ms. Sittler discussed getting trees for some parks such as Kissinger Meadow. Also discussed having a park steward for Spring Creek Estates. Ms. Sittler will contact Mr. David Smith to be a park steward.

The annual report was approved unanimously. Chair Kalp will present the report to Council at a meeting early 2016.

OB-2 SPRING CREEK PARK RENOVATIONS

Chair Kalp suggested construction concept like Superior Walls relative to the restrooms. Mr. Hayes mentioned Civil Smith Engineering who designs pre-fabricated structures. The committee felt that the restroom will be there a long time and should be more aesthetically pleasing to park goers. Discussion was also held regarding saving some of the native tree species in the park relative to the renovations. The Committee agreed that the added access shown on the Pennoni drawing should be eliminated. Also, the sanitary sewer line should be relocated to save a Zelkova tree. Kalp commented that the drawings should show tree species, diameter, and if they are declining. Honeylocust, Ash and Hemlock trees can be removed. Zelkova and Oak trees should be saved. Kalp will get more information from a contractor for the next meeting.

PARKS REPORTS:

Ms. Matason discussed the new space in the Nittany Mall for the Senior Center. The centre is \$125,000 short and is looking to the County for a bigger contribution. Townships will also likely be approached. The participation rates have doubled since the move to the Mall.

Mr. Schulte reported that the pavilion at Dalevue Park still has the damage from carpenter bees. Also, the power line path needs wood chips added and noted that there are groundhog holes. For Mt. Nittany Terrace, he commented on the No Parking signs at the end of Jay Lane and suggested possibly no overnight parking instead so that park users could park in the area. He mentioned a broken PVC pipe in the creek at Kissinger Meadow and questioned what this was. He also felt we should consider placing a trash can at this open space.

Mr. Kalp discussed Kimberly Fragola's email regarding a path to meet the covered bridge at the bike path. Mr. Schulte suggested using wood chips.

Ms. Smith indicated that the resident near Glen Park and are looking forward to the new enhancements to the park. Relative to Limerock Terrace Park, it was reported that the basketball court is being used.

Mr. Baker briefly discussed the fee-in-lieu lawsuit filed by Keystone Realty Estate regarding The Villas of Happy Valley.

MINUTES:

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting conditioned upon adding Ms. Simpson's November parks report;
Ms. Matason seconded the motion;
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The January 19, 2015 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Hayes at 8:43 p.m.

Linda Magro for Kent Baker
Recording Secretary

Parks Reports:

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

November 19, 2015

There will be a special meeting on November 23, 2015 to approve the Regional Parks Loan Modification. The modification is needed to extend the draw down period because of delays in construction of Whitehall Road Regional Park due to delays in approval of the Toll Brothers student housing project. Ms. Ishler was appointed Assistant Secretary for this meeting in order to sign the resolution because Ms. Matason, Secretary, will be traveling and not able to attend.

The Board approved the 2016 Fee Policy so that the fees can be used in the Active Guide to be published on December 13, 2015.

The Board approved the design of the permanent Senior Center space at the Mall to meet the budget of \$150,000. Fundraising will be needed in order to complete all renovations proposed. The currently available funds will be used to meet code requirements in order for the space to be occupied.

The Board met Jill Brubacker and Jodi Dello Stritto from Affinity Connection, Inc. who presented ideas for current project needs for CRPR. This was the first firm to respond to CRPR's Fundraising Feasibility Study Project. A proposal from another firm will be presented at the December meeting.

The Board discussed the agency director transition. Mr. Woodhead will be retiring August 31, 2016. This will be an agenda topic for the upcoming months. Mr. Steff is preparing a questionnaire for Board members and employees to survey opinions about the characteristics that they would like to see in a new director.

Mr. Woodhead reviewed the Centre Regional Bike Plan and asked for comments from the Board.

The next scheduled meeting is on December 17, 2015, 12:15 PM, in the COG Forum Room.

December 17, 2015

On December 9, 2015 approximately 60 seniors assembled for one hour in the permanent senior center space at the Mill to review the proposed plans and phases of the renovation prepared by Alan Popovich. The plans were well received, including a planned fundraising campaign to raise at least \$100,000 to supplement the municipal/county commitment of \$150,000.

The Board discussed the two firms under consideration for fundraising. More information is needed.

The next scheduled meeting is on January 21, 2016, 12:15 PM, in the COG Forum Room

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