

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Jude Simpson, Vice Chair  
Kathleen Matason  
David Schulte  
Sue Smith  
Earl Moore  
Joe Malizia

**STAFF:** Kent Baker, Township Engineer

**ABSENT:** Dean Lawrence  
Judi Sittler  
Derek Kalp, Chair

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order by Ms. Simpson at 7:05 p.m.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.

**INFORMATIVES:**

Email from Garry Williams, Public Works Director discussing poison hemlock around the bike path tunnel at Slab Cabin Run. A brief discussion was held on who sprays for that. Mr. Baker stated that the Township does not spray. He indicated that Clearwater arranged for a spray at the footbridge location at Spring Creek Park a few months ago.

**OB-1 SPRING CREEK PARK RENOVATIONS**

Mr. Baker stated that Ms. Simpson and Mr. Kalp met with Dan Miller of Pennoni Associates relative to options for the restroom. An option sheet was included in the agenda packet materials. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$266,000 including site construction. Mr. Baker indicated that the Township will most likely try to go with a state contract relative to the restroom. Site infrastructure, demolition and site preparation will need to be bid.

Due to cost, Ms. Simpson and Ms. Smith were opposed to the hand dryers. They would rather have paper towel dispensers. It was also suggested to have changing tables present in either the

men's or women's facilities. One of the concession sinks will be swapped out for a mop sink if possible.

Ms. Simpson confirmed that the park restrooms are closed in the winter and locked. Mr. Baker indicated that the Centre Region Parks Agency will take care of winterizing the restroom since it is a regional park.

The siding of the building will be Malibu Taupe and the roof Charcoal Gray with Natural Gray Fieldstone. The doors will be gray as well, if possible. Mr. Baker will check into the door color and if the doors are fiberglass or steel.

The front of the restrooms will be buffered with landscaping instead of a privacy structure as it was determined that if children are using the facilities, parents would want to be able to see them go in and out.

Mr. Miller will meet with the CXT Building regional representatives on site to go over the delivery details.

Mr. Baker indicated that the parking lot closest to the restroom will most likely be closed during delivery and part of the construction and port-a-potty will be used. He anticipates construction to be a quick turnaround.

Relative to the pedestrian bridge ramps, Mr. Miller decided to use a 45 degree angle instead of an "L" shape due to the setback requirements to a Columbia Gas high pressure gas line. A survey is required as well to make sure that the proposed paved walkway extension will not encroach on private property. Mr. Baker confirmed that the Township road/maintenance crew will perform the ramp work.

## **OB-2 DALEVUE PARK EQUIPMENT**

Dave Schulte summarized a history of his updates to the five-year plan and pricing for new park equipment at Dalevue. Council approved the equipment plan in 2014. Mr. Schulte found the best proposal was from Miracle as it was all inclusive and had the best price. Mr. Baker indicated that the road crew would not be able to task the installation of this equipment and that the Township will have to get a state contract on an installation price. Mr. Garry Williams, Public Works Director will work with Mr. Baker on coordinating this.

## **PARKS REPORTS:**

Ms. Matason submitted a written report. She indicated that things are relatively quiet with Centre Region Parks. Bidding for summer concessions contracts is occurring at this time.

Mr. Schulte reported that he had attempted to address a drainage problem at home plate in Dalevue Park. He also reported that approximately 72 trees and 100 shrubs were planted last week at Gordon Kissinger Open Space. Mr. Baker interjected that the UAJA and Conservation

District funded the planting effort. Mr. Adam Smith, U.S. Fish and Wildlife supervised the project. College Township and UAJA provided the labor.

Ms. Smith indicated that she hopes to have equipment chosen and installed this summer for Glenn Park. Trees will be installed at Limerock Terrace Parklet. Mr. Williams is coordinating the ordering of two trees, possibly a white and red oak. She also reported that the Stoney Batter path bridge was constructed.

Mr. Malizia reported that Fieldstone seemed pretty busy and he would like to get a demographic survey down the road to see about amenities at this park.

Mr. Moore reported that the Shamrock Park mulch path needs to be stabilized. He also indicated that the brush is encroaching on the walking path. Mr. Moore also provided a written report for Slab Cabin.

Mr. Baker reported on the Thompson Woods forest restoration program. He indicated that there would be some understory growth removal, as well as plantings. He attended the May 11 walk-through meeting at the park.

#### **MINUTES:**

**Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Recreation Committee Meeting as revised;**

**Ms. Matason seconded the motion;  
Motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6 p.m. for the annual parks tour. Members should meet at the pavilion of the College Township building. Parks will include Slab Cabin Park, Gordon Kissinger Open Space, Dalevue and Fieldstone. Ms. Matason cannot attend due to an annual commitment. It was suggested that next year, the parks tour be scheduled on another date so that Ms. Matason can attend if she wishes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The March 21, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Simpson at 8:52 p.m.

*Linda Magro*

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Recording Secretary

**Parks Reports:**

**Slab Cabin Park Report**

**(I am not sure on what is considered the Overlook)**

**Walked 5/12/2016 Earl Moore**

Coming in From Cottonwood

1. Paved Path is starting break up and pressure treated curb is almost gone
2. Need bushes trimmed back on main path into park from cottonwood
3. Playground could use more mulch and weeds suppressed
4. Swing sets need legs painted
5. Big Fire Pit Should be Dug out (not totally full but getting there)
6. Several benches need boards replaced
7. Pavilion at bottom should have some 2b stone on the west side so that water running off does not create mud
8. Signs entering park from bottom need repainted
9. Several trash cans need lids repainted
10. A few of the picnic tables need boards replaced and they all need stained.
11. Bridge going to walking bath has lip in both sides. Should be built up to eliminate trips and smooth handicap access
12. At least 2 of the benches near bottom and 1 near top on left from bottom need bushes cut back around them.
13. The stepped bridge over slab cabin (not sure whose responsibility) will need maintenance budgeted if it is ours. Boards are starting to grow moss. Some will need replaced in the next

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**Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority**

March 24, 2016

Approved 50 cent admission for both pools for Father's Day weekend (June 18-19) and July 4 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CRPR Agency. Admission for these days is usually \$1.00.

Reviewed bids for concessions for the regional parks and pools. None of the four bids for food services received for the regional parks was complete. Another RFP will be issued with a deadline of April 13. Bids provided by Philly Pretzels, Kona Ice, and Bittner Vending were approved for services for 2016. Bittner Vending will be asked to provide more healthy alternatives in their vending machines.

Approved Resolution #01-2016 to authorize an application for a \$4,000 grant from the Central PA Convention & Visitors Bureau for a paper and electronic brochure to promote and market CRPR facilities.

Approved proceeding with an application to the Walmart Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 to support Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Specialty Camps.

Approved a lease amendment for the space at the Nittany Mall for the Senior Citizens Center, pending endorsement by Solicitor Williams.

Approved proposal from Affinity Connection for professional services to prepare a fundraising plan for a fee not to exceed \$33,000.

Approved a change order in the amount of \$8,919 from Landserve Inc. for the parking area at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. The plan is to have the parking area open by Sunday, April 10, for "Earth Day Birthday."

The position of Agency Director was posed on March 10 and there are currently three candidates from PA and either from out of state. May 1 is the deadline for applications. Two Board members will be involved in the interview process, which will take place between June 4 and June 24.

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

April 21, 2016 – I was out of town for this meeting.

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(end reports)