Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Members in Attendance: Kathy Morris; Harry Hellerman; Dan Berdahl; Morgan High, Michael Brockway, Kelly Swopey and Francis Mckenzie

Staff: Sandi Feight

Board of Supervisors: Janine Martin

Gilmore Associates: Jim Hursh

Call to order: Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Public comment: Rea Monaghan spoke about her departure from the P&R board after 15 years of service. Thank-you Rea for all your years of service to the Board and Township.

New board members introduced themselves; Kelly Swopey, Michael Brockway and Francis Mckenzie.

Election of officers: Elected to Chair - Kathy M.; Vice Chair - Dan B.; Secretary -Harry H.

Consideration of January 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Kathy M. moved to approve the minutes Harry H seconded it, and all approved.

Janine M. update on the BOS (Board of Supervisors):

The BOS approved and put out for bid the fencing at Ingersoll Park. The BOS approved the removal of two trees at the Park. A grant was submitted for the Penllyn Train Station Trail to connect Pen Ambler Park with Penllyn Train Station.

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) update from Sandi F.:

Working on long range plans for presentation to the BOS.

Recreation Director Sandi F. update:

- Updating forms and website for the September 2024 Fall Fest.
- Easter egg hunt event is scheduled for March 23, 2024.
- Trail cleanup is scheduled for April 13, 2024.
- Kathy M. summed up the results of a meeting she attended concerning transportation vis a vis walking and biking.

Master Plan:

Jim H. from Gilmore Associates outlined the priorities of the master plan where projects will be executed as grants are acquired. The parks that were addressed were Oxford Park, Ingersoll Park, Pen Ambler Park and the connecting trail from Pen Ambler Park to the Penllyn Train Station.

Ingersoll Park: Phase one has started with the replacement of fencing and netting.

Oxford Park: Phase one will be playground renovations.

Pen Ambler Park: Phase one will be playground improvements and pollinator garden.

Penllyn Train Station Trail: funding and right of way acquisition still need to be acquired. Kathy M. suggested that when weather permits, the P&R board should meet at Pen Ambler Park to review the proposed location of the path.

Kathy M. reminded us to continue to think about a use for the former Texaco property.

Jim H. offered to look at rearranging priority ratings in respect to Ingersoll Park so that pickle-ball courts at Pen Ambler Park will have a higher priority.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22