

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
MAY 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

1) Call to Order

A) Chairman Ozorowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call:

A) The following Parks & Recreation board members were in attendance: Chairman Ozorowski, Mr. Wurtz, Ms. DiPaolo, Mr. Mascaro, Ms. Mandracchia and Student Representatives Mr. Beil and Ms. Hallman and Ms. Tse.

B) Also in attendance: Karl Lukens, Director of Parks & Recreation and Karen Hegedus, Recreation Superintendent.

4) Meeting Minutes:

A) Review/Approve meeting minutes of April 11, 2017.

i) **MOTION:** Ms. Mandracchia made a motion to move the minutes of April 11, 2017 into record. Ms. Hallman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 7-0*.

5) Old Business

A) Redtail Field Update (MUSC)

i) Chairman Ozorowski reported that the property had been surveyed and, once a report is generated, they will solicit bids for the work.

B) Park Signs/Park Trash & Recycling cans

i) Mr. Lukens reported that the signs have been received and will be gradually installed in the parks. He said they are installed on plain wooden posts at this point but the posts will be painted in the future.

(1) Mr. Ozorowski asked about vinyl mounts. Mr. Lukens said he was afraid of the vinyl cracking due to screws being required for installation.

ii) Mr. Lukens reported that all trashcans are out and the Parks Crew has reported that their design has resulted in increased efficiency.

C) Perkiomen Trail Access Update:

i) Chairman Ozorowski asked Supervisor Sorgini to speak as to the Board of Supervisor's position on the expanded trail access.

(1) Supervisor Sorgini said that the Board's focus was on a second vehicular bridge that would be combined with a pedestrian crossing, noting that the Sullivan's Bridge in Valley Forge cost \$9.2 million. Supervisor Sorgini said that this proposal was part of their agenda moving forward and they are already engaged in studies and seeking potential funding sources. In response to timeline questions, he said that a new bridge is a 10-year project and other Township projects are taking this construction into consideration and to undertake a third bridge would be financially impossible at this point.

(2) Chairman Ozorowski asked if, instead of building a bridge, it would it be possible to make Level Road somehow safer to access the existing bridge. He felt this might be a more reasonable approach. Supervisor Sorgini said he will look into that.

(3) Mr. Lukens said that when they meet with Upper Providence, the county representative suggested looking at connections along Level Road as opposed to a new bridge. He

asked if they should create a feasibility study for along Level Road or wait another year and roll it into a new master plan. Supervisor Sorgini said the Township is redoing their master plan next year and they can roll this into that plan.

- (4) Mr. Lukens said this project had been presented by a group of residents and they should be informed of the new direction. Supervisor Sorgini agreed. Mr. Lukens said he will take this item off the agenda until it comes up in the comprehensive plan.

D) Park Tour

- i) Mr. Lukens said the tour covered twelve parks and generated a list of seven items to consider for the capital plan, ten items for Eagle Scout project list and four items to be taken care of or out of the operations budget. The list included items such as a backstop in Eskie Park, water fountains in all parks, new play equipment, Hoy Park fishing pier repairs, picnic tables, concrete pads under memorial benches, trees at Audubon Recreation Fields and birdhouses in Cranberry Park.
- ii) Chairman Ozorowski asked about creating a solution for the ongoing issue of parking at ARA. Mr. Lukens said they should be able to come up with parking measures that would help prevent people from parking on the grass. Mr. Mascaro recommended installing curb stops. Discussion was held regarding managing the parking at Audubon Recreation Fields.
- iii) Mr. Beil recommended a walking path through Cranberry. Mr. Lukens said they will begin by mowing a path around the perimeter of the park.
- iv) Chairman Ozorowski asked if any parks have bike racks and if there is benefit to installing racks in the parks. Mr. Lukens said they could look at select parks where it would make sense.
- v) Ms. DiPaolo asked if there was potential to expand the use of little used parks by creating dog parks, stating it might be an opportunity to address residents' requests. She brought up the idea of connecting a path to the steps in front of the Township building. Mr. Lukens said something as simple as crosswalks in the parking lot would be beneficial for people going to the library.

6) New Business

A) Upcoming Events

- i) Ms. Hegedus said that the next special event is July 4th Fireworks & Concert. She reported that they have the band, The Whitewalls, secured and will be reaching out to the Board for volunteers. Ms. Hegedus said that the rain date will be Saturday, July 8th. Mr. Lukens said that rain date will only be utilized if there is significant weather and that a decision will be made by noon on July 4th.
- ii) Ms. Hegedus reported that the summer camps are nearly sold out with only a few spots left in Lil' Perkiomey. She said they are working on finalizing staff and acquiring supplies. Mr. Lukens confirmed that they can still use Audubon Elementary for programs.
- iii) Ms. Hegedus said that August specialty camps are set up and on the website and that there is one final spring bus trip set for St. Michaels. She reported that summer bus trips are scheduled for Ellis Island, New York City and Washington, D.C. and they are in the process of preparing for Radio City Music Hall in December. Ms. Hegedus said there are still spots available for the bus trips.

7) Comments from the Residents

- A)** Tom Bopst of the Optimist Club reported that they are ready for the 4th of July celebration and the summer Bike Safety program.
- B)** Mr. Lukens presented the Township's Five Year Award to Karen Hegedus.

8) Motion to Adjourn

A) Ms. Mandracchia made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Tse seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2017