

Clifford Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes 1/27/16

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. All board members were present.

Elections were held: Bob Lopatofsky, President; Tom Roberts, Vice President; Jennifer Long, Secretary.

Buzz Boomer, whose term was up, elected to continue on as a board member.

The child care center is up and running. Attendance is low, but probably due to the mid-year start date.

All required paperwork has been submitted for approval of the occupancy permit for the 2-5 year old playground. The Township had not yet received approval as of the meeting date.

With the addition of the child care center, the Building Use Policy will be revisited. No date/assignment has been made as to when this will occur.

Ice skating at the Children's Garden has been postponed for this season. Approximate cost to prepare the area is \$500.00. With the season being so short at this point, the decision was made to wait until next winter. Sandy Wilmot asked for policy on adding new items to the Garden. It was decided that she should present the ideas to the board and then the board would make the recommendation to the Township. She is considering adding a 20' dinosaur made of recycled tires. Concerns were expressed about water collection and possible harmfulness of the tire material. Sandy explained the tires would be designed to avoid water retention and said the coating applied to the tires before painting would seal off any chemicals. No decision was made.

Larry Wilson presented a map of the proposed locations for the new restroom facility, multi-purpose court, and gazebo. This will be sent to McLane Associates to use in creating the final plans for the park. The Township plans to begin the restroom facility installation this spring. The surface for the multi-purpose court is still undecided. Questions arose about roofing for the new structures. No decision was made. A water source from the Children's garden property will be set up to provide irrigation to the baseball field.

Dog stations, one installed already, two picnic tables and trash containers have been ordered for the park. The trash lids are being tested for water retention and other matching lids will be ordered when the best item is determined.

Sandy Wilmot presented the board with the application submitted for the Tap grant to fund the bridge for the bike trail. A grant proposal was also submitted to EMHR to help fund the design work because the TAP grant will not provide funding.

Due to problems with the resolution and requests for another to be written (which would cost the Township more money), the Township has decided to purchase the signage noting that the Park Complex is smoke-free.

Jennifer Long will present the board with ideas to add to the Parks and Recreation tab on the Township website. Sally Fischbeck will make changes to the website page.

Next meeting is at 2/24/16 at 7:00 pm.