

Clifford Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2015

Absent from meeting: Patti Walker, Jan Price and Chaz Ross

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. April minutes were approved. Due to lack of a quorum at the April meeting, March minutes were also approved.

**Old Business**

The location of the 2-5 year old playground may have changed from its original location. Once the final location is decided, the township hopes to move forward with the installation.

Due to lack of volunteers to organize movie night, plans will not move forward for that event.

If the proposed child care center moves into the township building, changes may need to be made to the building use policy.

Six trail benches and 1 playground bench have been donated. The township is donating a playground bench as well.

Questions were raised about the progress on the pump track and on the picnic table scout project. The date for the scout project has passed and no one from the board or township has been contacted. It is assumed this will not continue. No information was available on the pump track.

The possibility of organizing a Farmer's Market at the park was discussed. The township supervisors were waiting on information from the solicitor, however, there currently are no volunteers/organizers for this project.

Sandy Wilmot gave an update on the Children's Garden. A workday with the children has been scheduled to install a butterfly garden, some vegetables and fruits, and to paint the trim on the building. She has received \$4,500 in donations thus far and has applied for a \$4,500 grant from EMHR. She has received a good amount of support from members of the community and the township.

Permits have been filed for installation of the restrooms, pavilion and multi-sport court. McLane has to provide some information before moving forward.

A multi-modal grant is open to apply for, however, it was agreed that the township will not apply at this time.

There is some paperwork that needs to be submitted sometime in June for the DCNR grant. Sally Roberts will review and advise on what needs to be done.

It was recommended that the township join the PA Recreation and Parks Society. A small fee is required, but this would offer access to advice/information on promoting growth of park and recreation opportunities in PA.

**New Business:**

The township will not apply for a DCED grant this year.

The township supervisors have been in discussion with representatives from Endless Mountain Education Center about the possibility of opening a child care center in the township building. Visits have been made to the New Milford site and it is something the township is interested in pursuing. The possibility of opening for the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year was discussed.

Buzz Boomer suggested drafting a policy for how space within the building is advertised for use/rent.

The board recommended that the entire park area be designated as smoke-free. Ashley Kilmer was working on signage. Bob Lopatofsky will follow up.

Larry Wilson has been researching the stream crossing project.

Annette Schultz has been hired as the new director of the EMHR. She will be coming with Sandy Wilmot on 5/28 to tour the park.

Hazardous trees are being removed. If any hazardous trees are noted, the supervisors ask to be notified.

Next meeting will be Wednesday June 24th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05