

Clifford Township Parks & Recreation Board Minutes of October 22, 2014 Meeting

Present: Bob Lopatofsky, Jennifer Long, Tom Roberts, and Chaz Ross. Absent: Buzz Boomer, Jan Price, and Patti Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bob Lopatofsky. A motion was made by Bob to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Tom Roberts seconded that motion.

Old Business:

Tom Roberts reported his research of the park furnishings for the donation program. It was agreed that the Township would buy local if possible. No one manufactures the benches/tables locally, but he found three different local distributors. He discussed pricing on all, offering low-end bench options for the walking trail and higher cost benches and picnic tables for the high-traffic areas. No decision was made on which benches to offer, Tom was going to do more research and present again at the next meeting.

It was noted that Sally Fischbeck had submitted a grant application to the Endless Mountains Heritage Region for walking/biking trail construction. The grant was approved and installation had begun. Thank you was offered to Clifford Township for the matching funds contributed to this project.

A grant application that was submitted in April to DCNR for construction of the multi-purpose court was approved and the Township will receive \$40,000.00. There were no details available yet as to when the money would be received or when the project would begin. Supervisor Chris Marcho offered thanks to all who helped with the grant writing process.

No word had been received yet on the grant application for DCED.

The letter/informational brochure for the bench/furnishings donation program for the park was discussed. Jennifer Long will prepare a draft for the next meeting for the members to review.

A set of operating procedures is needed for the community center to cover things like scheduling use of the facilities, deposits/damage liability, responsibility for opening facility/contact sheet among other things. Bob Lopatofsky said he would research and prepare something for the next meeting.

To gather more information about creek improvement projects, the grant committee travelled to Hallstead to take a look at work that was completed through a grant received for creek maintenance/reclamation due to flooding issues. Some grant committee members also took an on-line training course through Trout Unlimited.

New Business:

Shay Thomas presented information about his senior project creating a pump track behind the baseball field. He hopes to begin as soon as possible. The track will be approximately 100' x 60' with a 5' wide trail for biking.

Sandy Wilmot spoke about a proposed Children's Garden/play area that she would like to install with volunteers. She requested approximately 1 acre of land. No decision was made at this time.

Sally Roberts and Jennifer Long attended a grant writing seminar presented through Penn State Extension. The seminar provided information about grant sources and how to write a proposal. On 11/22/14, DCNR is sponsoring a seminar that some members plan to attend as well.

The grant is due for the fishing work in December (Coldwater Heritage Partnership).

The next meeting was moved to 11/19/14, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm by Bob Lopatofsky, all were in favor.