

**PEQUEA TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Minutes of – September 12, 2012**

The members of Pequea Township Park and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Pequea Township Municipal Building, 1028 Millwood Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

Members present: Lew Witmer, Janet Hess, Steve Gogoj, Lucy Gillichbauer and Joan Gogoj.

Others Present: Paul Funk

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Lew Witmer at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meetings to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

Public Comments: None

Minutes Review: Minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved with an additional comment. Steve Gogoj made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from the August 8, 2012 meeting. Lucy Gillichbauer seconded the motion, all voted in favor, none opposed. The corrected minutes were emailed to Connie Kauffman and the signed copy was hand delivered.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) The use of chemicals used in the park for weed control was discussed. The decision to purchase one gallon of organic weed killer for Phil Chmiel to test and report back to the Park Board will be tabled until next spring since it is so late in the season. Lew Witmer will discuss with Phil Chmiel regarding the amount of round up that is used in the park; how much is being applied at any given time.

New Business:

- 1) Budget for 2013 (due October 2012) - Discussed a few items on the budget as well as the cost for Lanco Septic. Steve Gogoj will obtain additional quote(s) for comparison. It was decided to have a separate meeting to work on the budget.
- 2) Vandalism in the Park - Lew received a phone call from Supervisor Lehman regarding vandalism in the park. Trash cans were thrown into the Pequea Creek and also, someone is putting dry wall into the trash barrels. Supervisor Lehman suggested the installation of surveillance cameras and said that if the Park Board is in favor and makes a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, the township would purchase the cameras. Some concerns would be: how would you choose the area to be under surveillance, where would the cameras be hidden so they would not be stolen, how would the vandal be identified, etc. It was decided that Lew Witmer would contact Phil Chmiel for more detailed information; how often is this happening, is it during a specific time of day, when did it start happening, how much dry wall is being dumped, where exactly in the park is it being dump, etc. The subject will be discussed at our next meeting.
- 4) Changing Ordinance #148-2007 and Ordinance #96-1995:

Ordinance No. 148-2007, Section 2, paragraph 29 states: "No person shall roller skate, roller blade or skateboard on any paved areas". Lucy Gillichbauer made a recommendation that Ordinance 148-2007, Section 2, paragraph 29 should be removed and stricken from the ordinance upon seeking solicitors opinion regarding liability concerns. Joan Gogoj seconded the recommendation, all voted in favor, none opposed.

Ordinance No. 148-2007, Section 4, paragraph 36 states: "No person shall use any form of boat, canoe, or water flotation device on Township Property". Lew Witmer made a recommendation that paragraph 36 be changed to: "No person shall use any form of boat, canoe, or water flotation device on Township Property with the exception to the Pequea Creek". Lucy Gillichbauer seconded the recommendation, all voted in favor, none opposed.

- 5) Troop #146 from Conestoga Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts camp out weekend of October 26-28, 2012 - Steve Gogoj made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to allow this organized group activity, overnight camping, use of temporary structures (tents), and a campfire. Connie Kauffman will inform the police of the sleepover and campfire after approved by the Board of Supervisors. The recommendation was seconded by Lucy Gillichbauer, all voted in favor and none opposed.
- 6) Web Site for Silver Mine Park - A web site for the Silver Mine Park has been created but is not yet 100%. Connie Kauffman would like the Park Board to take a look at the web site and get back to her with feedback regarding information we would like to be included such as, donations, volunteer help, pavilion rental, etc.
- 7) Barn Wall Repair - Lew Witmer made a recommendation to the BOS that the new Pequea Township Roadmaster look into repairing the barn wall as outlined in the Park Board Minutes of October 12, 2011 as follows:

"#4 Barn Wall & Blacktop Repair: Mr. Chmiel stated that Bob Porterfield and himself look over the situation and think a wall should be placed to divert the water out of there. Also bulldoze this over and back fill the area, block off the door (that is not being used) slopping it down, plant grass seed so when it rains the water will run into the pond. This seems like the best idea and this would help support the other wall. Also before anything is done we need to make sure that this will not in any way take away the integrity of the old barn and we need approval before any work is done."

The recommendation was seconded by Lucy Gillichbauer, all voted in favor, none opposed.

- 8) Job Responsibilities of the Committee - Lucy Gillichbauer made a motion that the BOS define in writing the job responsibilities for the Park and Recreation Board. Example: who does Mr. Chmiel report to? Is it Supervisor Lehman, is it the Park and Recreation Board, can the Park and Recreation Board appoint someone from the Park Board? Who makes purchasing decisions, etc.? Steve Gogoj seconded the motion, all voted in favor, none opposed.
- 9) Eagle Scout Project - Lew Witmer was advised that the Pequea Township office received a phone call from an eagle scout interested in doing a project. His name is Nathan Rahe and Lucy Gillichbauer will contact him to discuss his project.
- 10) Liming of soccer field - Lew Witmer will touch base with Phil Chmiel regarding liming of the soccer field in October timeframe (should be limed every two years).
- 11) Pig roast fundraiser - A recommendation will be made to the Board of Supervisors that the Community Day Committee be approved to have a pigroast fundraiser on November 3, 2012 located at the old Darrenkamp store.

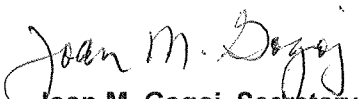
Board Comments:

Steve Gogoj made a recommendation that the donation fund for Community Days be reviewed at the end of December and if there is not enough funds to sustain 2013 Community Day, the event be cancelled at that time. Lucy Gillichbauer seconded the recommendation, all voted in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments: None

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Joan M. Gogoj, Secretary
Park & Recreation Board