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Parks and Rec Committee

Monday, March 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.
- In attendance were Dave Pribulka, Township Manager; Shawna Doerksen; Kathie Vondracek; Denise Meyer; Andrew McKinnon; and Niki Tourscher. Also in attendance were Barry Karchner and Ruth Cooper.
- Approval of Minutes
 - Ms. Doerksen made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Owens Drive Park Naming
 - The Committee reviewed the history of the Owens Drive Park site and discussed potential naming options.
 - Serenity Park was suggested by Ms. Vondracek
 - Ms. Doerksen suggested that the name should be reflective of the character and intent of the development of the park.
 - Ms. Doerksen moved to table the discussion until the April meeting; Ms. Vondracek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cecil Irvin Park – DCNR Grant Application
 - The Committee reviewed the plan for the development of Phase II of the Cecil Irvin Park. Discussion topics included prioritizing permeable pavement at the park, play equipment, connecting shared use paths, and a pavilion. Mr. McKinnon inquired about how phasing is determined and whether funding is currently appropriated for the park's development. Ms. Tourscher suggested constructing the pavilion large enough for Centre Region Parks and Recreation to rent it for parties and events. Ms. Tourscher also suggested considering a KaBOOM! Project for the park construction.
 - Public comments were heard. Ms. Cooper suggested adding more mulch to the existing play area. Ms. Cooper added that she is concerned about tree plantings in the sled area as a potential safety hazard. Mr. Pribulka responded that he visited the site with other staff and no hazards were observed, but that he would follow up with the Township Arborist. Ms. Cooper requested the installation of a Little Free Library at the tot lot. Mr. Pribulka will discuss with Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department and consider an Eagle Scout Project. Ms. Cooper made some suggestions about the park development including community garden plots and redesigning the connecting path to not be adjacent to the surrounding properties.
- CRPRA Report
 - Ms. Meyer reported on the current status of the Whitehall Road Regional Park development. Mr. Pribulka will schedule Pam Salokangas to speak at the April Parks Committee meeting.

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- Open Discussion
 - Mr. McKinnon expressed concern about the Whitehall Road Regional Park funding.
 - Ms. Vondracek asked about maintenance of the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden.
- Adjournment – Ms. Doersken made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Vondracek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Having no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathie Vondracek, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Committee