

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, November 12, 2018
4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting of the month on Monday, November 12, 2018, at Ferguson Township in Conference Room 2. In attendance were:

Committee:

Niki Tourscher, Chairperson,
Shawna Doerksen, Vice-Chairperson
Kathie Vondracek, Secretary
Andrew McKinnon
Connie Puckett
Norris Muth

Staff:

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Others in attendance were: Laura Dininni, resident; and Jon Kauffman, resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Tourscher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTMEBER 10, 2018 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Doerksen and seconded by Ms. Puckett to approve the September 10, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. CITIZENS INPUT

Ms. Dininni announced that the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Ms. Meyer stated that she will post an announcement on the Parent Teacher Association social media page.

V. LOW/NO MOW AREAS OF FAIRBROOK PARK

Mr. Pribulka stated that at the September 17 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board referred a request to the Parks and Recreation Committee to review and provide recommendations on designating certain areas of Fairbrook Park as low- or no-mow areas. The Committee has been asked to consider the floodplain boundary which overlaps a portion of the park in their analysis. Sloped areas of the park may also be appropriate for consideration. Furthermore, the Committee has been asked to discuss and suggest criteria for maintenance of these areas. Provided with the agenda are several supplements including the request forward by the Board of Supervisors; Fairbrook Park Master Plan; a natural resources map; and delineation of the floodplain boundary.

Mr. Pribulka referred to the projector and showed the committee members an aerial image of the park as well as the areas of slopes and floodplains. Mr. Pribulka explained that FEMA has designated some of these specific areas as a Zone A, meaning there is a floodplain in this general area, however, there has not been a study to determine the exact boundaries of the floodplain.

Mr. Pribulka spoke to other areas where the Township utilizes low or no mow. He explained that he has heard some complaints about the unsightliness of the no mow area, specifically from property owners that abut the park property line.

The committee had a discussion regarding which areas of the park should be designated as no mow or low mow in addition to areas that could be designated with pollinator plots.

A motion was made by Mr. Muth and seconded by Ms. Doerkson that the Committee forward its recommendations on designating certain areas of Fairbrook Park as low mow and or no mow areas to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried 5-0.

VI. REPORTS

1. **Staff Report:** Mr. Pribulka provided his staff report for the months of October and November, which are included in the agenda.
2. **Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority:** Ms. Myer stated that Mr. Pribulka covered some her report regarding the Whitehall Road Regional Park sanitary sewer pump station. The land development plan is in the process of being development, but is still up in the air. The CRPRA has plans for fundraising to help with the cost of the development. She went on to say that the Authority discussed policies and procedures to be considered for 2019.

Ms. Dininni asked if staff can update the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Regional Comprehensive Plan. She would like to engage the Committee on the update to the Comprehensive Plan. She would also like input from the Committee regarding individuals they think would be beneficial to serve on the Steering Committee for the CRPR Regional Comprehensive Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 5:15 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KATHIE VONDRACEK, SECRETARY
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE