

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting – February 20, 2018
6:00pm**

Attendance:

Members Present: Deb Zimmerman, Cheryl Vonada, Pam Rogers, Cindy Kunes, Donna Snyder, Patty Correll, Jan McDowell

Members Absent: None

Guests: Karyn Debrasky
Keith Harter

Staff: Leah Burd

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the February 20, 2018 meeting of the Walker Township Park & Rec Board to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building. Deb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Cindy Kunes motioned to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Meeting, with one correction, the starting time of the meeting was 7:00pm not 6:00pm. Motion second by Pam Rogers and approved by all members present.

Agenda Items: Karyn Debrasky attended the meeting for an update on proposed plans for improvements to Zion Ridgecrest Park. Deb reported she spoke with a Playworld Equipment representative regarding a piece of equipment that would be suitable for the park. This piece of equipment would require a 28'x39' installation area with a depth of 30" needed for the footers. The park sits on a rock ledge which could pose a problem for installation. Deb Zimmerman motioned to investigate the suitability of the ground to support the equipment. Motion second by Donna Snyder and approved by all members present. Deb will contact Don Franson for assistance.

There was discussion regarding purchasing a second piece of playground equipment to be placed in the Township Park near the new pavilion and restroom. There would be considerable savings on shipping and installation costs if two were purchased at the same time. Action was tabled pending results of testing for suitability of the land at Ridgecrest.

The Board also discussed adding a gazebo rather than constructing a pavilion at Ridgecrest. Pam Rogers discussed the requirements for a gazebo with Nittany Woodworks and requested a quote for discussion at the March Meeting.

Deb asked Don Franson to look into a drainage issue on the newly paved parking lot. Don reported that the concrete barriers placed for parking control were not letting the water drain properly. No further action was taken.

Pam Rogers reported on the revision of the 2007 Lease Agreement with the Marion-Walker Youth League. She contacted several neighboring municipalities for their input. Keith Harter provided the Board with a list of items he felt should be included in the agreement. Cheryl Vonada recommended meeting with all the sports organizations requesting field usage. Pam will draft a new agreement for review at the March Meeting.

Pam inquired about several dead trees on a neighboring property that are posing a danger to the park. Deb Zimmerman replied that at their February Meeting the Supervisors motioned to have the trees removed.

Old Business:

- There was nothing further to report on completion of the 'Wall of Appreciation'.
- Deb reported the markers for the trees are ordered. Mitchell Holdens Eagle Scout Ceremony is scheduled for May 20, 2018 and they will be installed before that date.
- Deb reported the deposit was paid for the new sign at the Rt 64 entrance to the park and it is ordered and will be installed in the spring. It was agreed to notify the adjoining property owner of the replacement.
- Pam Rogers reported she met with Mr Poorman regarding the plaques in the Panik Quiet Area. His proposal was to fabricate a frame and attach a tripod to each one for display. Approval was given to Pam to have him proceed with the project.
- Cindy Kunes reported the Supervisors motioned to support the NVJRA efforts to secure a grant to update the Kepler Pool. The Township committed \$37,500 to be paid over three years which will allow the Authority to move forward.
- The Supervisors approved the reappointment of Jan McDowell to the Board for an additional five year term.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 30, 2018 at 2:00pm. Jan and Patty will purchase the prizes.

New Business: Deb reported she requested an official ruling on her ability to vote on Park & Rec Board matters as a Township Supervisor.

Correspondence: Information was received from PRPS for the PA Recreation & Park Society Conference & Expo to be held March 27-30.

Donna Snyder motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Cheryl Vonada and approved by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Burd, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING – MARCH 20, 2018