

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting June 16, 2020
6:00pm**

Attendance:

Members Present: Pam Rogers, Patty Correll, Cindy Kunes, Deb Zimmerman, Jan McDowell

Members Absent: Donna Snyder, Cheryl Vonada

Guests: Ryan Bressler, Ronnie Carlson, Joe Ault, Brian McHail
(all from Nittany Valley Little League)

Staff: Leah Burd

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Walker Township Parks & Rec Board to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building. Deb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jan McDowell motioned to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020 Meeting as presented; motion second by Patty Corell and approved by all members present. (No meetings were held in April and May due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.)

Guests: The Guests in attendance addressed the Board regarding the reopening of the baseball facilities. Mr Carlson asked who is responsible for removing the old press box and storage shed which are in disrepair. Deb replied that they were erected by the Marion-Walker Little League and are the responsibility of the league. Deb also reported that repairs are needed to the scoreboard. The league will check on this. Mr Carlson then said the league solicited bids for repairs to the fencing at the fields and he will follow up on this. Deb stated Park & Rec is willing to work with Little League on safety concerns.

Discussion turned to field usage. As this is a public park, the facilities are available for outside use when Little League is not using them. Deb asked Little League to provide a field usage schedule to be posted at the fields and she suggested that they may want to lock the fields after they have dressed them for their use. Mr Carlson said the schedule runs through the end of July then they will work on fall ball. No tournaments are scheduled at this time.

Deb said that Soccer is planning to open July 6. The concession stands will not operate this year.

The Board discussed guidelines published by PRPS for use of the park facilities in the various phases of shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently the restrooms and playground equipment are closed and portable toilets and hand washing stations are in use. Deb reviewed the requirements for sanitizing restroom and playground facilities prior to their reopening and provided cost estimates for various ways of adhering to the regulations.

Deb reported she received a letter from DEP stating that if the Township would close their park facilities permanently they would need to repay the grant money they received when the park was initially developed.

Agenda Items: Discussion on developing the new parkland was tabled.

Old Business:

- Deb updated the Board on the Ryan Miller Eagle Scout Project to move the volleyball court. Ryan and Brian Saiers determined that the site chosen to move it to is not suitable due to drainage issues and it was relocated to the rear of the park near the soccer fields. The Township prepared the site and Ryan will proceed with the project.
- Cindy Kunes reported the NVJRA has been meeting remotely and that the Kepler pool is open. She said several repairs were made and that the YMCA is managing it. No memberships will be sold this year and renovations will begin at the end of this season.
- There was no report on plaques for the Buddy Benches.

New Business:

- The Board reviewed the Minor Subdivision Plan for the Ernest Perri Subdivision (CCPCDO 63-20) creating 2 residential lots. Deb Zimmerman motioned to recommend payment of Fee-in-Lieu of \$5,000.00 for the 2-Lot Subdivision; motion second by Jan McDowell and approved by all members present.
- Invoices were paid to Bill Workman for landscaping services and for Easter Egg Hunt supplies.
- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the Easter Egg Hunt was canceled. Patty Correll organized a visit from the Easter Bunny through the Township via Walker Township Fire Trucks complete with blaring horns and flashing lights.

Correspondence: There was no comment on the correspondence.

Cindy Kunes motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Patty Correll. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Burd, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING – JULY 24, 2020 @ 6:00PM