

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting – September 18, 2018
6:00pm**

Attendance:

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: Karyn Debrasky

Staff: Leah Burd

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the September 18, 2018 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. Pam Rogers motioned to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting as presented; motion second by Donna Snyder and approved by all members present.

Agenda Items: There was no further discussion on the request from Bellefonte Youth Football and Cheer to construct a football field in the new parkland.

Deb reported she received a revised copy of the Facilities Use Agreement from Solicitor Miller. She provided copies of two Appendices to the agreement for the Little League and Soccer Organizations. The Board reviewed the documents and made several corrections/changes. Action was tabled until the October meeting.

Guests: Karyn Debrasky was in attendance to discuss developments at Zion Ridgecrest Park. Deb Zimmerman reported that the new playground equipment has been installed. She stated that local rock breaking equipment was used at the site all day and that a lot of rock was encountered. Donna Snyder motioned to approve payment of two invoices for the balance due for the equipment and installation in the amount of \$25,846.00; motion second by Jan McDowell and approved by all members present. Pam will make arrangements for delivery and installation of the pavilion and the park rules sign will be installed when weather permits. Sand needs to be added to the digger. Deb reported the pavement at the basketball court needs repaired. Don Franson will request bids for the repaving. Karyn reported the trash container is missing.

Deb received information from the playground installer offering a playground maintenance program. After reviewing the plan and costs the Board took no action at this time.

Deb reported the walking trail sustained washout damage from recent storms. Don Franson recommended placing a second culvert under Zion Back Road to alleviate the problem and will request bids for the culvert and trail repairs. Payment will be from the Township General Fund.

Old Business:

- The frames for the plaques for the Wall of Appreciation have been received and Cheryl ordered the additional plaques needed. Deb will schedule the installation.
- Pam Rogers had nothing further to report regarding the plaques in the Panik Quiet Area. She will look into finding an alternate source.

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- Deb reported the Little Free Library is in need of repairs and painting.
- Pam and Deb will letter the suggestion boxes and install them in the park.
- The new park entrance sign is installed along Rt 64.
- There was no further discussion regarding the Supervisors request to place a storage building on the new parkland.
- Cindy Kunes provided a copy of the audit for the NVJRA. Figures for 2018 season usage are not yet available. She reported the pool is leaking water and in need of repairs.
- Patty Correll reported plans for the Fall Festival are moving forward. She ordered good weather for the day! The Board discussed setting a date for next year and advertising it earlier for vendor participation. A tentative date was set for September 28, 2019. Pam motioned to send a thank you donation to Stringer Farm for supplying straw for the scarecrow making for the last three years; motion second by Deb and approved by all members present.

New Business:

- The Board agreed to recommend payment of Fee-in-Lieu of \$10,000.00 for Deerhaven Subdivision – Phase 2A (eight new dwelling units at \$1,250.00 each).
- Deb reported the Supervisors motioned to combine the three budget P&R accounts into one account starting January 1, 2019 and to give control of spending of the Open Space Account funds to the P&R Board with Supervisor approval and vice versa.
- The Board discussed the Open Space Ordinance as it applies to constructing a dwelling unit on an existing lot as opposed to a subdivision. Deb will seek clarification of the ordinance.
- Deb provided a brochure published by the Centre Region Parks & Recreation outlining their services provided to the Centre Region. The Board discussed publishing a newsletter and highlighting our parks and possibly hiring a recreation director in the future.

Correspondence:

- Information was received from GameTime regarding matching funds available as playground grants. The Board took no action.

Cindy Kunes motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Donna Snyder and approved by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Burd, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2018 @ 6:00pm