

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting – November 14, 2017
6:00pm**

Attendance:

Members Present: Deb Zimmerman, Cheryl Vonada, Pam Rogers, Cindy Kunes

Members Absent: Jan McDowell, Donna Snyder, Patty Correll

Guests: Karyn Debrasky

Staff: Leah Burd

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the November 14, 2017 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 from the October 17, 2017 meeting as presented; motion second by Pam Rogers and approved by all members present.

Agenda Items: There were no Agenda Items.

Guests: Karyn Debrasky, a resident of Zion Ridgecrest, addressed the Board regarding the need for additional playground equipment at the Zion Ridgecrest Park. Deb and Pam stated they visited the park to determine what equipment is there and how much space is available for additional items. Ms Debrasky reported the park is well used and that additional equipment is needed for older users up to fifth grade. She suggested some type of climbing equipment, monkey bars and a baby swing would be good additions. Cheryl Vonada provided copies of a survey which could be used to request input from the area residents. The Board reviewed and updated the survey and agreed to mail it out to Ridgecrest Area residents after the first of the year. The survey will also be available on the Township website. Additional items discussed were planting additional shade trees, adding a picnic table and posting the park rules.

Old Business:

- There was nothing further to report on completion of the 'Wall of Appreciation'.
- There was nothing further to report on the acknowledgement plaques for the trees.
- Deb reported the new sign at the Rt 64 entrance to the park is ordered and will be installed in the spring.
- Pam Rogers had nothing further to report on display holders for the plaques at the Panik Quiet Area.
- Invoices to Bill Workman and for landscaping services and to Franson Engineering for Engineering Services for the Walking Trail were paid.
- There has been no further discussion with the Soccer organization regarding storage space in the new restroom.

- Contact information for any organized sports using the Township facilities needs to be provided to the Township. The members present will review the 2007 Lease Agreement with Marion-Walker Youth League for future discussion
- The following was discussed from the November Board of Supervisors Meeting: Approval was given to allow Park & Rec to carryover to the next year any unused funds in their Activities and Park Improvements budgets; there are three picnic tables in storage, one is to be placed in Zion Ridgcrest Park; Cheryl Vonada expressed concern about the new paving at the back parking lot.
- Cindy Kunes stated Supervisor Burd motioned to support the Kepler Pool at the November Supervisors Meeting. The motion did not receive a second and was not approved. She reported this decision to the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority at their November Meeting. The Authority will further discuss the future of the pool when all the municipalities have reported their decisions. Cindy reported that Howard Long, Walker Township Representative to the Authority, has resigned as he is moving from the area. The Township has advertised on the website for a replacement.

New Business:

- DCNR Statewide Grant Workshops and Webinars information was received. NO action was taken.
- Cindy Kunes Motioned to approve the 2018 meeting dates as presented with the following changes:
 - August 21 changed to August 7 (1st Tuesday)
 - November 20 changes to November 13 (2nd Tuesday)
 - December 18 changed to December 11 (2nd Tuesday)

Motion second by Pam Rogers and approved by all members present.

Correspondence: None

Cindy Kunes motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Deb Zimmerman and approved by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Burd, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING –December 12, 2017 @ 6:00pm (SECOND TUESDAY)