

**WALKER TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting March 15, 2022  
6:00pm**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Deb Zimmerman, Pam Rogers, Frank Skryzcki, Lance King, Cindy Kunes, Leah Burd, Jan McDowell, Patty Correll

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Chris Haak, NVJRA, Mike Musser NVJRA

**Call to Order:** Deb Zimmerman called the March 15, 2022 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. Cindy Kunes motioned to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 Meeting as presented; motion second by Pam Rogers and approved by all members present.

**Guests:** Chris Haak and Mike Musser from Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority updated the Board on the status of the rebuild of the Kepler Pool. Mr Haak presented an information sheet outlining the history of the project and a request for a Letter of Support for Grant Application. He reported the bids were almost double the original estimated cost and all bids were rejected. The Authority is now looking into new design and funding options. Chris said the Authority helped form Nittany Valley Recreation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) to assist in private fundraising. Mr Musser reported on the recent success of the Bellefonte Swim Team and the importance of the pool for continued growth. The Swim Team thanks the Walker Township Fire Company for their participation in the welcome home parade following their recent competition.

**Agenda Items:**

- Deb reported that when we filed for the DEP permit for the new parking lot that DEP discovered Walker Township had an unpaid DEP permit application from 2012 for the proposed football field to be constructed by Bellefonte Youth Football and Cheer which would need to be paid before they could issue the parking lot permit. Payment of \$500.00 was made from Fee-in-Lieu Account.
- Patty reported plans were in place for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, rain date of April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Pam Rogers motioned to have the bunny suit cleaned and to purchase a sign for the park entrance; motion second by Cindy Kunes and approved by all members present.
- Nittany Valley Little League provided the requested three quotes for needed repairs to the infield of Field 2. The Board reviewed the quotes. Pam Rogers motioned to accept the quote submitted by Jabco's Custom Lawn Care in the amount of \$12,480.00 and to fund the full amount; motion second by Patty Correll and approved by all members present. It was noted the League needs to submit a completed Field Use Agreement for 2022.

**Old Business:**

- There was nothing further to report on resurfacing the basketball and tennis courts and construction of pickleball courts.
- There was no additional information regarding repairs to the playground equipment.

- Jan McDowell reported she visited a park with workout stations installed. She said it consisted of five stations with various activities at each site and was installed by Playworld. Action was tabled.
- An additional invoice was paid to Franson Engineering for engineering fees for the new parking lot.
- There was no further discussion regarding winter maintenance for accessibility to the park for winter activities. Deb said that spring maintenance issues include rolling the walking trail and inspection of the playground equipment.
- There was no further discussion on updates to the T-ball Field. The dugouts need painted.

**New Business:**

- The Board noted the March Balance Sheet.
- Deb reported a request was received to use a bounce house at an event in the park. The Board discussed the issue of liability to the Township. Deb Zimmerman motioned to allow the use of bounce houses in the park pending review and approval from our Solicitor and a sign posted regarding usage; motion second by Jan McDowell. Pam Rogers voted no. Motion carried by seven to one vote.
- The Board reviewed the Preliminary/Final Plan of Lands of John G & Anna Allgyer (CCPCDO File No. 23-22). No action was taken pending review by the Planning Commission.
- The Board reviewed the Subdivision Plan for Deerhaven – Phase 3B consisting of 15 Lots, 14 Residential and one Open Space. Pam Rogers motioned to recommend Fee-in-Lieu assessment of \$17,500.00 for 14 Lots at the grandfathered fee; motion second by Jan McDowell and approved by all members present.

**Correspondence:** None

Leah Burd motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Jan McDowell and approved by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Burd, Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 6:00pm**

