

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting –March 17, 2015
6:00pm**

Attendance:

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: Will Rigg (Nittany Realty)
Michael Edmonds (Nittany Valley Little League)
Dave Reeder (Nittany Valley Little League)
Alex Genet (Boy Scout Troop 370 Bellefonte)
Dan Auman (Nittany Valley Little League)

Staff: None

These Minutes were prepared from the tape recording of the meeting.

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Walker Township Park & Rec Board to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building. Alex Genet led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Cindy Kunes motioned to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2015 meeting as presented; motion second by Donna Snyder and approved by all members present.

Agenda Items: Will Rigg addressed the Board regarding payment of the ‘Fee-in-Lieu’ assessment for the proposed ten unit Junction House Apartments. Mr Rigg said he attended the March Supervisors Meeting where Solicitor Miller stated that the term ‘new dwelling unit’ as used in Ordinance No. 182 follows the Centre County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance which does not differentiate between a rental unit and a fee-simple unit thus ‘fee-in-lieu’ assessment would apply to ten units. The property contains one existing dwelling unit for which the former owner paid for six EDU’s and six water taps and the property was advertised as having six units. The Supervisors requested this additional information be sent back to the Park & Rec Board for review and comment. The Supervisors suggested a compromise of assessment for five units. Pam Rogers motioned to recommend ‘fee-in-lieu’ assessment for four new dwelling units for the Junction House Apartments; motion second by Cheryl Vonada and approved by all members present.

Guests: Mike Edmonds, Dave Reeder and Dan Auman from the Nittany Valley Little League addressed the Board regarding construction of the new concession stand. Mr Edmonds stated ten groups of students from Penn State Architecture Class rendered ten drawings as a class project. The League officers then chose one that closely matched the plan that was previously being considered. Mike reviewed the plan and addressed comments and questions from the Board. He stated the League has received financial commitments for the project and does not anticipate requesting Township assistance. Anticipated start date for the project is at the end of the 2015 season in July. Deb Zimmerman motioned to recommend to the Supervisors approval of the newly submitted plan for construction of a new concession stand and press box at the baseball field; motion second by Cindy Kunes and approved by all members present.

Alex Genet attended the meeting to discuss an idea for his Eagle Scout Project. Alex is proposing installing signage along the walking trail. The Board requested additional information and mapping and suggested Alex present his ideas at the April 1st Supervisors Meeting. Deb Zimmerman motioned to accept Mr Genet's proposal to install signage along the walking trail as his Eagle Scout Project and to recommend the project to the Supervisors; motion second by Donna Snyder and approved by all members present.

Old Business:

- There was nothing further to report on preparing an article for the Township website to promote the Sponsorship and Donation Policy;
- The bid package for the restroom project is completed and advertised, a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 2:00pm and bid opening is scheduled for March 31st at 3:00pm. Bids will be accepted or rejected at the April 1st Supervisors Meeting;
- Change of meeting time was properly advertised; Park & Rec Meetings will begin at **6:00pm** starting with the March 17th meeting.

New Business:

- Payment of \$3,500 was received for the 2015 land rental;
- Plans are complete for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at 2:00pm
- The park walk-through is scheduled for April 21st at 6:00pm;
- A complaint was received regarding the use of metal detectors and subsequent digging in the park. The Board discussed signage and placing a list of park rules at various locations. Action was tabled until after the walk-through at the April meeting.

Correspondence: No action was taken regarding a letter received from Senator Corman announcing the DCNR 2015 recreation and conservation grants program.

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