

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2020, via Zoom in attendance were:

Committee:

Norris Muth- Chairperson
Tessa Antolick- Vice Chair
Dr. Shawna Doerksen-Secretary
Connie Puckett
Robert Demayo
Bill Keough
Jerry Learn
Rick Tetzlaff

Staff:

David Pribulka, Township Manager
Centrice Martin, Assistant to the Manager
Jenna Wargo, Planning and Zoning Director
Kristina Aneckstein, Community Planner

Others in attendance: Summer Krape, Recording Secretary.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Norris Muth called the Thursday, August 20, 2020 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Muth called for a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 minutes but noted a change needed to be made to the spelling of "eminent domain". Dr. Shawna Doerksen made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Bill Keough seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION TO SECTION 22-513 PUBLIC USE AND SERVICE AREAS OF THE CHAPTER 22 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Muth turned the meeting over to Ms. Jenna Wargo, Ferguson Township's Planning and Zoning Director. Ms. Wargo stated that Ms. Kristina Aneckstein is also present and will be the Committees point of contact. Ms. Wargo explained to the Committee the subdivision/land development review process/procedure, what the Committee would need to look for when reviewing plans, and the time sensitive nature of reviewing plans. Mr. Rick Tetzlaff asked if the Committee could request more information. Ms. Wargo stated that the Committee can only asked what is required. The Committee discussed how many plans would need to be reviewed and who would like to be a part of the plan review subcommittee, Mrs. Tessa Antolick and Mr. Jerry Learn volunteered to be the review subcommittee.

VI. PRE-FINAL 2021 PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Muth stated that this was feedback on the recommendations that the Committee made. Ms. Martin noted that the changes that the Board of Supervisors made are highlighted. Mr. Robert Demayo asked what the reason was for moving items around. Ms. Martin stated that they all had different reasons from funding, comments from Parks and Rec, time sensitive items, and prioritizing things. Dr. Doerksen asked about Greenbriar/Saybrook Park and stated her concern about the playground equipment. Ms. Martin stated that she spoke with the playground inspector this morning and that park is on his list to inspect, once she reviews the inspection she will share with the Committee. Dr. Doerksen asked if there

is a compilation of all the playground equipment in the Township and when it was installed and it's life expectancy. Ms. Martin stated that the BOS requested a similar document and staff is currently working it. Mr. Keough noted his concern for the community orchard program. Ms. Martin stated that Township Arborist Mr. Lance King will be present at the September meeting to discuss that topic.

VII. DRAFTED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMENTS RECEIVED BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Muth stated that himself, Mr. Keough, and Mr. David Pribulka have all met regarding the green infrastructure policy. Ms. Martin stated that this was just an update for the Committee and attached comments are in the agenda. Ms. Martin noted that staff needs to meet with Centre Region Parks and Recreation and revise the document.

VIII. COMMITTEE REQUEST- ACQUISITION OF PARKLAND

Ms. Martin stated that Mr. Learn requested this be on the agenda, as he had an area in mind and wanted to know the Township's process of buying land. Mr. Learn stated that he and Dr. Muth are supposed to get together but have not yet.

Mr. Learn explained that the piece of property he is inquiring about is a small wetland area located at the intersection of Tadpole Road and Whitehall Road. Mr. Pribulka stated that right now would be a tough time for an acquisition of land and gave some background on the last time this was done. Mr. Keough asked if Mr. Learn is looking for added protection of the area, wetlands have a lot of regulations and suggested he get in touch with the Clear Water Conservancy. Mr. Learn stated that he will do more research on the area.

IX. REPORTS

1. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Martin stated that the Township released information on the incident at Tudek's dog park and how to handle your dog/yourself while there. Ms. Martin stated that she will have an update on the Homestead park repair at the next meeting.

2. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT – MR. BILL KEOUGH

Mr. Keough stated that the authority had a meeting today and there is a couple things to report. The authority has finally opened the senior center on a partial schedule due to COVID. The authority will be looking at options for winter activities for the seniors. Whitehall Road Regional Park is continuing and the authority is getting ready to request bids for construction. Mr. Keough stated that Muscov lighting reduced the cost for the soccer fields by \$180,000.00

X. COMMUNICATION TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

XI. FUTURE REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

XII. OPEN DISCUSSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tetzlaff made a motion to adjourn the Thursday, August 20, 2020 Parks and Recreation meeting at 5:25 pm. Dr. Shawna Doerksen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


SHAWNA DOERKSEN, SECRETARY