

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, November 18, 2021
4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, via ZOOM in attendance were:

Committee:

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

Staff:

Centrice Martin, Assistant Manager
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
David Pribulka, Township Manager

Others in attendance: Laura Dininni, Ferguson Township Resident/BOS member; Tracy Strickland, HRG Representative; and Nichole Mendinsky, HRG Representative.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Norris Muth called the Thursday, November 18, 2021 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Muth called for a motion to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes. Dr. Shawna Doerksen moved to approve the minutes with adjournment correction, Mr. Rick Tetzlaff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. REPORT ON THE RECREATION, PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Nichole Mendinsky and Tracy Strickland representatives from HRG are present to update the Committee on the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan. The HRG representatives gave an overview of where they are at with the plan update after attending the winter market. Ms. Mendinsky stated that walking/biking trails, Dog Park, fire pit/water feature, and eBikes were some of the big hits. Ms. Mendinsky also reported and the community is overwhelmingly happy with the Township's park systems. The representatives reviewed the suggested stakeholder candidates with the Committee for the next phase. Ms. Mendinsky stated that for the stakeholder engagement they would like to hold a "winter market" type gathering at the Township building in December or January with specific time slots for stakeholders, BOS members, and public. The Committee discussed this possibility.

2. BOARD REQUEST – PLACEMENT OPTIONS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR HOMESTEAD PARK

Mr. David Pribulka state that proposed placement of the playground equipment was a part of the parks masterplan. However, the abutting property owners petitioned against the proposed location and asked the Township to find an alternate location for the equipment. The Committee discussed all options in length and decided that option three with more accessibility would be the best fit. Mr. Pribulka stated that staff can request bids for both wood chips and poured in

place material. **Dr. Muth called for a motion to approve option three with more accessibility, Mr. Rick Tetzlaff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. PROPOSED STENCIL KIDS FOR AUTUMNWOOD PARK AND FAIRBROOK PARK

Ms. Centrice Martin stated that CRPR received a grant for stencils to be added to Autumnwood and Fairbrook Parks. This program is to promote family and children activity. Both Autumnwood and Fairbrook Parks are suggested to have "Horse" stencils at the basketball courts. Ms. Martin stated that CRPR will handle installation and maintenance. **Dr. Muth made a motion to recommend the stencils in both parks, Dr. Doersken seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

4. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE REQUEST – LITTLE FREE LIBRARY AT AUTUMNWOOD PARK

This agenda item has been moved to next meeting.

5. FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Ms. Martin stated that she met with CRPR director Pam Salokangas to discuss the maintenance services CRPR provides to Township parks. Ms. Martin stated that this evaluation aligns with the Township's 2017 Strategic plan for financial stability. Ms. Martin reviewed her assessment of participation presentation with the Committee. Ms. Martins stated that a work session is scheduled with CRPR and the public.

Mr. Tetzlaff asked why the Township is reviewing this matter now with the status of the Whitehall Road Regional Park. Ms. Laura Dininni assured Mr. Tetzlaff that the timing has no effect on the Whitehall Road Regional park and that there has been a real effort to gather information on the maintenance of parks.

VI. REPORTS

1. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Martin stated that Tudek Park has been surveyed and staff will be purchasing a fence and will install at the property boundary lines.

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

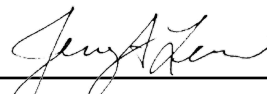
None.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Muth entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, November 18, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting at 6:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JERRY LEARN, SECRETARY

FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE