

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, January 21, 2021
4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Zoom in attendance were:

Committee:

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

Staff:

Centrice Martin, Assistant to the Manager
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary

Others in attendance: Laura Dinnini, Ferguson Township BOS member/resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Norris Muth called the Thursday, January 21, 2021 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:14 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Muth called for a motion to approve the October 15, 2020 minutes. Dr. Muth noted that item's 8 and 10 were in the minutes in two different locations. Mr. Rick Tetzlaff made a motion to approve the October 15, 2020 minutes with edits, Mr. Robert Demayo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Jerry Learn nominated Dr. Muth as Chairperson, Mr. Tetzlaff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Tessa Antolick nominated herself to be Vice-Chairperson again, Mr. Demayo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Dr. Muth nominated Mr. Learn as Secretary, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

Dr. Muth stated that the Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm. Ms. Centrice Martin stated that the 2021 meeting dates are included in the agenda packet for the Committee to review. Dr. Muth made a motion to approve the 2021 meeting dates, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEES GOALS FOR 2021

Dr. Muth reviewed what things need to be accomplished and goals the Committee wants to make for 2021. Ms. Antolick stated that she would like to revisit the 2020 goals and see what goals were accomplished and which ones were not and go from there. Dr. Muth suggested revisiting the 2020 goals as well at the next meeting. Ms. Martin also noted that sub committees for land development plan

review and a subcommittee to review CRPR's park open space analysis will need to be made. Ms. Martin suggested a subcommittee be made to go through the CRPR's park open space analysis. Ms. Martin stated that the budget would also be a good resource to review. Ms. Antolick also suggested iNaturalist be a goal for 2021 and setting up a COVID friendly event.

VIII. REVIEW TOWNSHIP PARK ORDINANCES

Ms. Martin stated that the BOS decided to review the park ordinances. Everything from definitions to current practices and procedures. Staff will be taking the lead on this but finds it necessary that the Committee review and weigh in with comments as well. The Committee decided that Mr. Demayo and Mr. Tetzlaff will be the subcommittee that will review this. Mr. Bill Keough also suggested having a member of the Planning Commission review this document as well.

IX. UPDATE ON SUBURBAN PARK-PHASE 1

Ms. Martin stated that the Township wrote a grant and submitted it to DCNR for Suburban Park phase one. The Township did receive an award letter which is attached to agenda packet. Since receiving the award letter the Township has been recommended for federal funding for this project.

X. WATERSHED FRIENDLY PROPERTY CERTIFICATION

Ms. Martin stated that she received an email about this program, she still needs to confirm that it meets Township criteria. All the Committee will need to do is attend a webinar. Dr. Muth stated that he feels that this is a great opportunity for the Committee and would have great benefits to educate people coming to the parks. Dr. Muth suggested looking into other certifications like this.

XI. FUTURE REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Revisit goals and priorities.

XII. REPORTS

1. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Martin noted that she received an email from the Township's engineer's assistant that he had chosen three different outdoor exercise equipment for along the shared use path. The Committee decided to have this topic as an agenda item for the next meeting to review the options.

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

Mr. Keough that the Authority spends a good amount of time discussing COVID. The biggest program hit has been the senior center. To help ease the hit on the senior center the Authority has planned grocery shopping opportunities, writing letters, and phone calls. Mr. Keough stated that pools will be opening in June as planned and field sports are beginning to be planned. Mr. Keough stated that the Whitehall Road Regional Park has received seven bids, six for the full project and they are being reviewed.

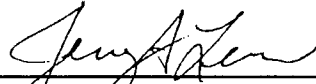
XIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the possibility of doing a campaign or newsletter to encourage people to get rid of COVID anxiety and attend parks during the spring weather. Ms. Martin suggested inviting the township communication coordinator to the next meeting to discuss ideas.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Muth entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, January 21, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting at 5:40 pm. Mr. Tetzlaff made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Demayo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry Learn", is positioned above a horizontal line.

JERRY LEARN, SECRETARY
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE