

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on January 25, 2024

Attending: Anthony Spero, Brad Congelio, Aaron Rogers, Nancy Runyon, Christine Shuman, Diane Hollenbach, and Christina Hafer.

Guests: Michael Meleta, Katie Miller, and Chris Malinowski (FGSA)

REORGANIZATION

Brad Congelio motioned to appoint Aaron Rogers as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board, seconded by Anthony Spero. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Anthony Spero motioned to appoint Brad Congelio as Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Board, seconded by Aaron Rogers. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Aaron Rogers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brad Congelio motioned to approve the October 26, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Anthony Spero. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Nancy Runyon and Christine Shuman took the Oath of Office for the Park and Recreation Board.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL LIST

Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katie Miller attended the meeting to speak about Tennis and how she would like to grow more interest in the sport and said she provides a program through Fleetwood High School, Kutztown Park, and other areas of Berks County. She would like to use the Community Park for her programs and has multiple certifications and owns a small business. She would also be interested in grass courts and works closely with the United States Tennis Association and stated they provide funds to improve courts. She asked about lining the grass courts, and using temporary nets, and said the pickleball court is a good size for youth to play tennis. The Park and Recreation Board continued the conversation with Ms. Miller about grass courts, funding, lights, using the basketball courts, and using the Community Park.

BUSINESS

2023 Annual Report.

The Park and Recreation Board concluded there are no inadequacies concerning the various recreation areas in the Township. Diane Hollenbach asked if there were any inspections from SDE, and Keith Shuman stated that the playground had been inspected by the Road Crew.

Aaron Rogers motioned to send the 2023 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Brad Congelio. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Plan for 2024.

The Park and Recreation Board budgeted for the year 2024 to finish the Pickleball Court, replacing the light with an LED and post for the Blandon Fire Company ballfield. They also

discussed applying for grants and the fee-in-lieu of Crossing at Maiden creek subdivision. Diane suggested a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to investigate increasing the fee-in-lieu of open space.

Aaron Rogers motioned to ask the Board of Supervisors to investigate the fee-in-lieu of open space, seconded by Brad Congelio. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Discussion on adding to the Dog Park.

Christine Shuman spoke about adding activities for the dogs at the Dog Park using tires, tubes, picnic tables, ramps, event boards, and dog fair events. She also spoke with Pastor Bruce at her church for a dog blessing at the Dog Park and he is willing to attend the next meeting. The Park and Recreation Board also discussed the dog waste receptacles, the event board, and events that would take place there.

OLD BUSINESS

Update/Discussion on Pickleball Court (Fee for Reservations).

Keith Shuman said they macadamized the court after the damage from the flooding and weather permitting, they will start putting the poles in but the lines cannot be painted until it is sealed which should be in the spring.

Michael Meleta spoke about repurposing the wall and doing a mural on the wall. Keith said they have plans to macadam near the wall.

The Park and Recreation Board discussed the fee for reservations and agreed to put it as a new business if needed. Mr. Meleta also discussed clinics for new players, and social events with a food truck. Diane said the food truck would have to have insurance and be inspected by the Department of Agriculture.

Update/Discussion on Crossing at Maiden creek (Fee-in-Lieu of Land Amount).

Fee-in-lieu was discussed with the Plan for 2024.

Update/Discussion on Ontelaunee Heights All-Inclusive Playground.

The Park and Recreation Board will need a plan with cost by April for the DCNR Grant. They discussed having rubber matting for the All-Inclusive Playground instead of woodchips. A representative from the playground company could help design the playground. The Park and Recreation Board estimates the cost to be about \$80,000 for the playground without fee-in-lieu and grant money in 2025.

The Park and Recreation Board discussed the benches for people to donate to the Township. They debated about the type, costs, and maintenance of the benches.

They also discussed bathrooms at the All-Inclusive Playground.

Brad Congelio brought up handing out sunscreen at the Pickleball Court donated by sponsors.

Aaron Rogers spoke about having puzzle piece tiles with the company logo from those who donate to the Township Parks for the Pickleball Court.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

No comments.

Chris Malinowski representing FGSA spoke about putting a 12x16 shed behind the outfield at the Blandon Fire Company ballfield in the spring to keep their equipment locked and safe. It was discussed last year but they did not get a chance to do it. He said they put in the bullpen areas last year and were well received. He stated they would like to put in three 4x4s with nets for a backstop, moving some lights, and two pipes on the right side of the dugout that need to be fixed. He said they donated a freezer at the concession stand at the Blandon Fire Company and said he would submit a donation letter for the items they donated.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anthony Spero to adjourn, seconded by Christine Shuman, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer, Township Secretary