

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on April 27, 2023

Attending: Eric Bauman, Brad Congelio, Aaron Rodgers, Anthony Spero, Stephanie Davenport, and Hunter L. Ahrens (Township Manager).

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Josh Meck (Township Supervisor), John Himmerich, Michael Meleta, Keith S., Chris Malinowski (FABA), Eric Luckenbill (FABA).

Eric Bauman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

No agenda modifications.

CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Brad Congelio made a motion to approve the March 23, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Aaron Rogers. All present voted in favor; the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Himmerich, 116 Millenium Drive, commented that trees and shrubs at the park should be trimmed at the park. He also requested that a tree in his possession be donated to the Township Parks. Mr. Ahrens collected Mr. Himmerich's contact information for the follow-up to plant the tree.

Anthony Spero suggested that a form be developed to receive donations.

Keith Santangelo of Fleetwood Girls Softball requested that they be permitted to raise a fence at the Blandon Ball Field for each game. The fence assists with playability and would be a temporary, 4-ft. tall fence, that would be raised and taken down each game. Mr. Ahrens indicated the Township had no concerns.

Anthony Spero, seconded by Stephanie Davenport, made a motion to approve the use of a temporary field. Passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Update on the Pickleball Court Construction

Mr. Ahrens provided an update on the schedule for the Pickleball Court's Construction. The Board and members of the public engaged in some dialogue about the court.

Michael Meleta, 207 Genesis Drive, made some suggestions for the court area including additional shading, purchase of a bike rack, purchase of first aid kits and AED kits, electric connection to the pavilion for events, vending machines, and sponsorships.

The Board, Manager, and members of the Public engaged in discussion about these items.

Mr. Congelio and Ms. Davenport indicated some experience with Bike Racks and methods of theft prevention.

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Mr. Ahrens indicated the Township would purchase a bike rack. There was discussion about the maintenance of these items as being prohibitive to the placement of an AED.

The Board engaged in some preliminary discussions about the use, and potential rental, of the pickleball groups by individuals or groups. The Board consensus was that weeknights would be the only times eligible for reservation by groups.

The Board discussed some regulations related to the sound generated from the pickleball courts but concluded that the parks are already present and that the level of sound generated will have to be monitored in the future for any potential action at the Pickleball Courts.

Update on Ontelaunee Heights Walking Trails

Mr. Spero gave an update on the construction of the walking trails at Ontelaunee Heights. The Board had some discussion about the site and plans. The Board requested that the staff prepare a park sign for Ontelaunee Heights Park and Dog Park.

The Board also discussed developing a project list for parks to hand over to the Boy Scout Troop as inspiration for their Eagle Scout projects.

Update on Infield Drainage at Community Park

Mr. Bauman updated the Board on the progress that the repairs as well as the benefit it has been to the users of the ball field.

Update on LED Ballfield Lighting

It was shared that the LED Lights had been ordered for the field, but they had not arrived yet.

Discussion of Fee Schedule for Parks and Facilities Rentals

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed the development of the rental schedule. The conversation was far-reaching with the Board and included prices for seasonal rentals and the distinction between for-profit and non-profit rentals.

Discussion of Capital Spending Schedule

The Board discussed a Capital Spending Schedule that they previously used and updated it so that it could be included in the Township's Five Year Budget Plan.

Discussion of Happy Returns Rental

The Board discussed a rental request for the company Happy Returns to rent the pavilion and permit amenities, especially a bouncy house and food trucks. The Board determined to permit the rental and integrate the experience into their discussion of the fee schedule update.

Other Business

Ms. Davenport shared that a potential landscaper or landscaper has been dumping lawn materials near Community Park. The Board discussed sharing the information with the staff and having it removed.

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Ms. Davenport discussed Community Days from previous years being returned. Mr. Ahrens shared that the concept is excellent, but the staff does not have the bandwidth to plan that event.

The Board asked if there was any resolution on the culprits for the vandalism of the soccer nets. Mr. Ahrens shared that he was not aware of whether a resolution occurred yet, but the tapes of the event were handed over to the Police.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brad Congelio to adjourn, seconded by Stephanie Davenport, and approved unanimously without discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. by Eric Bauman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hunter L. Ahrens, Township Manager