

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on September 28, 2023

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

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman)

Eric Bauman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Shuman shared that Berks Nature would like to plant fifty trees in the Ontelaunee Heights walking path area. The Board had some discussions about whether that would be appropriate to plant fifty trees or less.

The Board agreed to amend the agenda to vote on the approval of Berks Nature donating and planting trees. Motion by Stephanie Davenport, seconded by Anthony Spero, to amend the agenda. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Brad Congelio to install fifty trees, seconded by Aaron Rodgers, to approve the installation of fifty trees. Approved unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Stephanie Davenport to approve the meeting minutes with a minor revision, seconded by Brad Congelio. Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Discussion of 2024 Budget Request

Mr. Bauman asked if there would be any carryover from this year's budget into next year to complete the pickleball court project. Mr. Shuman responded that his cost estimate would be approximately \$30,000.00. Mr. Ahrens indicated that needed to be requested from the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Davenport brought up the fee-in-lieu land dedication for the new development that was discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Ahrens recapped the previous discussion with the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the applicant. The Board discussed whether there would be a need to make a change to their recommendation. The discussion concluded that the money for a fee-in-lieu would be more useful than another park. The Board took no action.

The Board returned to the discussion of the 2024 budget. The Board discussed requesting an allocation of \$8,000.00 for lights and light pole installation at the Blandon Ballfield and \$35,000.00 for the completion of the Pickleball Court Project. Aaron Rodgers motioned for approval of those allocations, seconded by Anthony Spero. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Spero asked if the Township could still accept donations for benches. Mr. Ahrens responded that they could donate a bench at cost. The Board agreed that there should be a uniform bench type, to which Mr. Shuman responded he would bring options to the October meeting.

Discussion of Candy Purchases for October 27, 2023 Safe Trick-or-Treat Night

Mr. Bauman asked what the previous year's amount spent on Candy was. Mr. Ahrens responded that he recalled it to be approximately \$300.00. Mr. Spero shared that there would be a Halloween Frolic hosted by the Blandon Lions Club on October 23, 2023, at the Blandon Ballfield. A motion was made by Brad Congelio to purchase up to \$300.00 of candy for the safe trick-or-treat night, seconded by Stephanie Davenport. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M. by Eric Bauman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hunter L. Ahrens, Township Manager