

**Horsham Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 15th, 2022
Horsham Township Community Center**

In Attendance

Janeen Saxer
Lori O'Donnell
Eric Glemser
Ken Gehlhaus
Kim Keiser

Staff

Kyle Lynch

John Sabo (Little League)
Amy Braccia
Vince Braccia

Call To Order: 7:32 PM by Kyle Lynch

Approval of February '22 Minutes: Motion by Eric Glemser, Second by Ken Gehlhaus

Updates From Youth Sports Leagues / Farmers Market / Pickleball

- Little League – John Sabo
 - Registration ended just shy of 400 – slightly less than last year
 - Spring field cleanup scheduled for Saturday March 19
 - Lights in parking lot aren't coming on automatically – Public Works will investigate the issue

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Events

- Miracle Field 5K Fundraiser - April 2nd
 - Registration is open and are currently taking sign ups
 - Will utilize Deep Meadow and Carpenter Park
- Horsham Day – June 4th
 - Planning is in process
 - New attractions for this year include Freestyle MX, extra-large parking lot tent, zip line, Barefoot Bobby Band, as well as returning favorites such as Volleyball Tournament, Fishing Derby, Softball Tournament, 5K, etc.
- Field usage opens April 1st, 2022
- Reservations for pavilions are currently open and rentals will begin April 17th
- Dog Park Spring Cleanup – will be scheduled sometime around Earth Day (April 22nd)
- Easter Egg Hunt – scheduled for April 16th at the Library

Director's Report

- Park Sign Committee
 - Committee will consist of Janeen Saxer, Tracy Frary, 2 council members, Bill Walker, Dennis Haggerty, Kyle Lynch, and a sign company consultant
 - Will be meeting beginning in April/May to decide on new entrance signs for our Community Parks initially, neighborhood parks possibly down the road
- Improving Deep Meadow Amenities
 - Currently getting price quotes on replacing the outfield fence on field #9
 - Have new picnic tables on order for in front of the snack stand
 - Have regraded some of the limestone trail washouts
 - Public Works hasn't been able to get more Limestone from the quarry as they haven't started making it yet
 - They are going to try a slightly different limestone in the meantime to see if it is suitable in place of what they cannot currently source
- Acquiring Price Quote for Pickleball Lights
 - Pickleball would like to use the income from member sign ups and any tournaments they do this year to fund lights on their courts
 - Public Works is currently getting price quotes for this project
- Finalization of Sports Field Allocations and Permits
 - All the sports organizations have received their field allocations
 - Currently taking in single use rentals and tournament requests from inquiring sports organizations
- Dog Park
 - Two new water fountains have been ordered for the Dog Park which were paid for by a donor within their organization
 - Revolutionary Home Health and Hospice
 - The Dog Park Assoc. are also working with Public Works to help put together a budget for their grant
 - Current ideas include a Red Maple tree planted within the large dog side, some type of pad around the water fountains to reduce muddiness, and some way to prevent the dogs from digging around the benches in the park

Land Development and Subdivision Plans

Comments or Concerns from Public

- Amy and Vince Braccia
 - Amy had a negative experience at Everybody's Playground in Lukens Park the other week in which a toddler aged child was left to wander unattended all the way out to Dresher Road before Amy returned the child to his father who was frantically looking for him

- The Braccia's recommend that the township install a fence around Everybody's Playground in order to make it a safer space for children
 - The fence would enclose the playground and keep kids inside using several gates around the perimeter of the playground
- They have started an online campaign via Facebook, and Change.org where they have an ongoing petition to construct said fence
- They have spoken with Horsham Rotary who have said they would aid in raising funds for the project if needed
- Kyle Lynch recommended that the Braccia's reach out to township manager (Bill Walker) via email to schedule a meeting to discuss this in more detail. Kyle will also take all the information and concerns gathered in this meeting and relay it to the township manager
- Kim Keiser requested that this topic remain on the agenda for future meetings so that the board can stay up to date on the proposed project
- Ken Gehlhaus requested that Public Works look at the lights in the roller hockey rink
 - Several are burned out
 - The former Public Works Director had previously spoke about installing new lights
 - Kyle Lynch will talk to Ian and get more insight into this

Request for Motion to Adjourn at 8:06 PM – Motion by Kim Keiser, 2nd by Eric Glemser

Next Meeting: **April 19th, 2022 at 7:30 PM** in the Horsham Township Community Center