

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Board members present: Bob Lopatofsky, Buzz Boomer, Chaz Ross, Jen Long, Tom Roberts

Absent from meeting: Patti Walker and Jan Price

***Old Business:***

Tom Roberts reported that the grant proposal had been submitted and presented copies for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to review. He gave thanks to Larry Wilson, Sally Fishbeck, Chris Marcho and Sally Roberts for all of their time and work in preparing the proposal. It was a request for up to \$246,000.00 in funding and all involved in the process thought it was well done.

Buzz Boomer also offered thanks to those who wrote the proposal. Based on his experience with similar projects, he recommended considering hiring someone to supervise contractors that may be involved, should we receive the grant. It was stated that the Susquehanna County Redevelopment Authority offers a cooperative agreement that would help with administering the grant as well. Bobbie Jo Turner is the contact there. We have hired a landscape architect to review the area and help with the design/layout of the planned facilities.

Bob Lopatofsky met with the FC Rotary Club and presented ideas for the proposed pavilion. It will be a month or so before a decision is made. The club did offer to help by contributing money toward the matching funds that are required instead of contributing to the pavilion.

Tom Roberts discussed the benches and gazebos that community members can purchase/contribute to. Some offers have been made, but a further discussion is needed to determine what type of benches will be acceptable. It was agreed that the contributions would be closer to memorials rather than advertising.

Tom Roberts also discussed the terms of the board members. Terms were presented as follows: Chaz Ross 4 years, Tom Roberts 3 years, Bob Lopatofsky 5 years, Buzz Boomer 2 years, Jan Price 3 years, Jen Long 4 years and Patti Walker 5 years.

Chris Marcho stated the Township has \$43,000 to contribute to the total spending of \$290,000.00.

Chaz Ross reported that the Pump Track construction, Senior Project of Shea Thomas, will begin soon. Dennis Knowlton is assisting, along with other volunteers.

***New Business:***

Bob Lopatofsky presented his final draft of the by-laws. A motion to approve was made by Buzz Boomer, seconded by Tom Roberts. The by-laws will be submitted to the Township Supervisors for approval.

Recent damage from a strong storm on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was discussed. Many trees were downed, most of it cleaned up already. Chris Marcho reported that the batting cage was damaged beyond repair and will cost \$2,500.00 to replace. Chris discussed the possibility of Township insurance covering costs and requested that the baseball representatives get him information before the next meeting so he can discuss with other supervisors. Ashley Kilmer said she would check into how the previous damaged was handled and contact Chris with information. It was agreed that trees surrounding the cage and on the walking trail should be evaluated.

The walking trail (a rough grade) is almost complete and an exit from the trail that does not involve walking on the main road was installed.

Questions were asked about the 10' fence surrounding the multi-purpose court. The fence will be chain-link and see through.

There was discussion about water accessibility for the baseball field for a re-seeding of the in-field in September and possibly fencing in the entire field to prevent ATV access. We must wait to see if the grant is awarded before any work can begin. Using blocking agents to prevent driving on other areas was discussed as well. Security cameras were included in the grant proposal.

Tom Roberts will research the benches and picnic tables for pricing and styles. Jen Long will draft a letter to community members discussing memorial donations/contributions for the park area.

Bob Lopatofsky made the motion to adjourn at 8:00pm and Tom Roberts seconded.

Next meeting is August 27, 2014 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Long.