

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 2014

Absent from meeting: Jan Price

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Old business:

A draft of the brochure to be distributed to the community announcing the bench/furnishings donation program for the park was previewed. Discussion followed on exactly which benches/tables will be selected for each area of the park. Benches will be placed along the walking paths, multi-purpose court and in the playground area. Three levels of donation will be available. It was also discussed that picnic tables placed within the pavilion area will be handicap accessible. The contact in the brochure for the donation program will be the Clifford Township Secretary. The supplier/type of plaques that will be included still need to be determined. Suggestions were made as to other information to include in the brochure such as bench placement, a map of the area and other furnishings such as trash receptacles and bike racks that may be donated. Another draft will be provided to the board for review.

General discussion took place about possibly including memorial pavers and grills at the park. Grills will be available, but not part of the donation program. No decision was made on the pavers. Colors of the benches will match the existing brick structures on the property and more colorful ones placed closer to the playground. Exact colors have yet to be determined.

Keith _____ an Eagle Scout candidate has expressed interest in making and donating a picnic table to the park. This project was going to be a bench donation, but after discussion at the meeting, he may try to make a bench that transforms into an ADA picnic table.

Coca-Cola has a grant program "Keep America Beautiful" that the grant committee may look into further. It provides funding for recycling and trash receptacles that are needed in the park area.

The Endless Mountain grant (Phase 1) for the walking paths is complete. Bills need to be submitted with information on work completed and reimbursement will follow. The project ran over-budget.

There is a \$3,000 mini-grant available through Endless Mountain as well. The due date for the application is approaching, though the exact due date was unknown at this time.

Several members of the board and grant committee attended a DCNR seminar and were able to discuss the grant received for the multi-purpose court with the DCNR contacts. It was agreed that the DCNR point of contact would be invited up to view the property and have a general discussion about beginning the project. The installer needed four weeks lead time, with the concrete pour completed prior to that. There was uncertainty expressed as to how much engineering is required before the project begins. McLane would be involved in this process.

A draft of the policies for operating/using the community center was discussed and will be provided to the members in the near future. It was asked that the policies include the entire property, not just the community center building.

A rough layout of the pump track has been installed, no updates were available on this project.

The possibility of the Children's Garden was discussed. A location has not been determined at this time, but will be considered as we move forward with plans for the park. Concern was expressed about maintenance, size, and general location away from other child-friendly areas of the park.

New Business

Elections will take place at the January meeting.

Take down of hazardous trees along the walking paths has been scheduled. The township is looking into salvaging some of the wood for sale to a saw mill. Once the trees are down, a better estimate on value would be provided.

The trail installation is complete, though after the winter season, an evaluation will be done to address any areas that have settled and/or have poor drainage.

Discussion took place about plowing the trail in the winter. The board agreed it will not be plowed.

Possible signage was discussed, concerning the rules/policies of the park area. No decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled one week early, December 17, 2014 due to the holiday season.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Long