

Clifford Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes 4/24/18

Present: Bob Lopatofsky, Tom Roberts, Buss Boomer, Jennifer Long

Absent: Patti Walker

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The February meeting minutes were approved. There was no March meeting.

The pavilion has been chosen. Installation to be decided. Barhite Excavating will remove the sod for the multi-purpose court construction, a walkway and the pavilion.

Sally Roberts addressed the board with a handout and detailed information (see attached) about the execution of the 2018 EMHR grant. This grant provides interpretative signs for the walking trail and movement of boulders into the park area. All work must be completed by the end of 2018.

Discussion of the proposed tree donation program took place. Concerns over caring for the trees long term were expressed. The board will not move forward with the program at this time,

A suggestion was made to develop a long term plan for the park and work toward getting more community involvement, both with the board and with the future plans of the park. As the park continues to grow and new projects are being considered, an effort to receive input from others should be made (female/different stages of life), as different groups have different ideas about how to use the park areas for recreation.

Larry Wilson met with an engineer to discuss the stream stabilization project. This project continues to move forward.

A new walking path will be added when the pavilion excavation begins, connecting the dugout areas to the pavilion and then to the playground area. Concerns were expressed about foul balls

heading toward the pavilion area. New fencing may need to be installed. This will be evaluated as construction continues.

Tree installation at the park was discussed. It was decided that willow trees would be the best fit for the stream project, as they were recommended by the engineer evaluating the project. These trees will be donated by John Roba and installed after the stream stabilization project is completed. The township will allocate funding to install shade/flowering trees within the park area. Tree type and location will be determined at a later date.

The book box is being used by the community.

Improvements to the garage area are continuing.

Potholes in the parking area will be filled.

Final details for the Plant Exchange were discussed. Power sources, water sources, traffic flow and the food stand were topics discussed.

A bike event is being held at the park on 5/26/18 to benefit the Susquehanna County Recreational Center and to send-off Dennis Knowlton on his cross-country bike ride. It is expected that both events will draw large crowds to the park.

Images of the pickle ball courts were presented. These will be installed on the multi-purpose courts.

Clifford Township and the Clifford Township Historical Society were both selected to receive the stewardship award from Countryside Conservancy for their contributions to the area in preserving historical structures and development of the park and its walking trails. The award will be presented on 5/2/18 at 7pm at Keystone College.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Next meeting will be on 5/23/18 at 7pm.