

Clifford Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes 7/25/18

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

Absent: Patti Walker

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

The June meeting minutes were approved.

New Business:

The Andrew Mazza Foundation would like to give something back to the community. They would like to organize a “Truck or Treat” Halloween event on the park grounds. Local businesses and community members will bring a truck and decorate it in a holiday theme. Children would then trick-or-treat through the trucks. The foundation will supply the candy and pumpkins for children. Other Halloween themed activities will be added as the planning progresses. A date has not been chosen. Dawn Ziegler is the contact for this event.

The Forest City Business Alliance holds a mixer for local business owners in areas throughout the community. Barry Seale suggested that the next event be held at the park (9/5/18), allowing business owners to see the progress that has been made. Roughly 20-25 people attend and food/refreshments would be provided by the township. Chris Marcho, Larry Wilson and Dennis Knowlton are unavailable for this date, so Barry will ask if changing the date is a possibility. Additionally, this event traditionally serves alcohol. Discussion about the current alcohol policy at the park took place, with the option of deciding on alcohol consumption on a case by case basis being considered. It was decided that no changes will be made to the policy at this time. It was also noted that Kevin Munley will be on-site as a security officer for all park events.

Old business:

The Children’s Garden is continuing to rebuild after storm damage. Log cabin construction is almost complete. Brandon Freely will work to create another dinosaur mural and Emma DeMark is creating signage. They are still waiting on pricing for installation of the new fence.

The Pavilion has been ordered. The shed will have a power source and an area to store the tables and chairs for the pavilion.

The blacktop has been installed for the multi-purpose court. Barry Seale asked about the possibility of freezing it over for ice skating in the winter. DCNR would not allow this, so other pos-

sibilities were discussed. The coating process was discussed, Larry Wilson is working on gathering information about applying. Fencing is still TBD. Concerns about asking for a possible extension from DCNR were discussed.

All documentation for grants must be presented on township letterhead. No new developments in the EMHR grant. Discussion took place about a new area for blue stone only, and the other original areas as designated in the grant proposal. No decision was made. Tree identification signs have been ordered.

Permits have arrived for additional rip-rap on the stream. Log removal will continue.

A new trail from the stream area to Cemetery Street will be installed pending contractor availability.

ParkFest is filling up. Scranton Times will advertise, NEP and Adams Cable as well. Twenty-nine vendors have signed on. An indemnity form is needed for vendors. Two tents will be needed and 30 chairs for the band performance. Volunteers will be needed by 6am the day of the festival to help vendors set up.

The township is interested in purchasing the property on the corner lot adjacent to the park and supervisors are in communication with the current property owner.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. Next meeting is on 8/29/18 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Long

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