

Clifford Township Park and Recreation Board

August 27, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Clifford Township Park and Recreation Board was held Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7 pm in the township's Community Center. Bob Lopatofsky opened the meeting and made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 23, 2014 meeting. Tom Roberts seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

The new bylaws for the board were approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on August 12, 2014 at their monthly meeting. They also thanked everyone for the support the board and grant committee is providing to the community. Tom suggested the minutes from the board meetings be provided to the board members prior to the BOS monthly meetings so whoever is representing the board and reporting on the status of the meeting will have the information on hand.

Tom offered to do research on picnic tables and benches comparing different materials, shapes and sizes that would be required, and see if there are mix and match options. Bob suggested using different colors for different areas of the recreational complex. Chris Marcho asked Tom to find state or local companies to procure the materials. Chris also asked the committee to consider how to handle different groups, such as baseball and churches, asking to reserve different areas of the complex such as the pavilion.

Larry Wilson report three loads of ADA compliant mulch were delivered for use in the playground area. This will meet the requirements of the old grant from 2003.

There was also discussion on reconsidering the placement of the pavilion, multi-use court, and the restrooms.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board members took a tour of the Community Center starting with the gym. Currently there are no rules or regulations in place for use of the gym. The board agreed to study this issue and come up with a solution. The remaining rooms were visited with discussion for a possible workout room and a dirty room for children and adults to use for painting and art work. The BOS is looking for ideas from the board for the use of vacant rooms.

Bob and Jen Long have volunteered to work with the Grant Committee. That increases the committee to 6 members, 3 board and 3 non-board members. Information regarding the Endless Mountain Heritage Region's (EMHR) grant program was presented as a possible vehicle to obtain funding for the trails. The Grant Committee will meet to discuss the feasibility of applying for funding from the EMHR.

Chris and Larry met with people from Trout Unlimited and the PA Fish and Game Commission to discuss enhancing the East Branch of the Tunkhannock Creek to support trout. Trout Unlimited will forward information regarding grants. There was talk of using grant money for replacing shade trees lost from storm and wind damage.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Chas Ross. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next Park and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7 pm in the Community Center.

Minutes submitted by Sally Roberts.