

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2022**

Members in Attendance

Jim Seidler
Kirby Lentz
Bob MacIntyre
Angela McCloskey
Mayur Patel

Also in Attendance

Rachelle Scott, P/R Manager
Declan Fledderjohn, Scout

CALL TO ORDER

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Ms. Scott called the January 5, 2022 re-organization meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:15 p.m. in Room 174 of the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Mr. MacIntyre made a motion to recommend the officers currently serving be re-appointed as follows: Chairman Neal Johnson; Vice Chairman Jim Seidler; and Secretary Mayur Patel. Mr. MacIntyre made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Patel seconded the motion to re-appoint present officers, and it was followed by a unanimous vote of approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. MacIntyre informed Board members that long-time previous board member, Mary Jane Hornung, passed away on December 29. He suggested sending condolences to family members.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. MacIntyre made a motion to approve the December 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Lentz seconded the motion, and it was followed by a unanimous vote of approval.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REVIEW – DECLAN FLEDDERJOHN

Declan Fledderjohn provided a final report on his Eagle Scout project installing AAC communication boards with color coding at the playgrounds at George Park,

Brightbill Park, Koons, Kohl and Lingle Parks. Declan stated he and his troop members also deep cleaned the playground equipment at Brightbill Park, did trash patrols, and gathered over 20 adult volunteers who were employees of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit to re-paint Possibility Place Playground equipment. The primary accomplishment was the creation and installation of the boards at the five major parks. Funds in the amount of almost \$1,500 raised, with the project cost being \$845.85. The remaining money was donated to Lower Paxton Township for accessibility upgrades at Brightbill Park. Declan was presented a plaque in appreciation of the excellent job he did.

PARK UPDATES

Ms. Scott stated Wolfersberger Park is going to be auctioned, and the funds received will go toward the Capital Investment Plan that the Park and Recreation Board has been discussing. Ms. Scott stated that next week she is planning to recommend YSM (out of York) for the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. Developing the Master Plan will involve three public meetings, six steering committee meetings, and twenty key constituent meetings. Mr. Patel requested that Ms. Scott send Board members all bids received for the members to review.

Mr. Lentz asked if any help would be needed from Park and Rec Board members. Ms. Scott responded a steering committee will be created. She noted YSM recommended having an elected official, Park and Rec Board, and key staff to serve on the steering committee. Mr. Seidler asked if there is a timeline. Ms. Scott replied there will be a kickoff in February, public meetings in March and August. They will present the final in November. The Steering Committee would meet in February, April, May, June, July, and September.

Ms. Scott stated the Park and Recreation Master Plan will provide a strategic action plan to identify priority park improvements. However, in 2022 there are 11 projects starting and should be completed.

Ms. Scott stated new playgrounds will be installed in the next six months at Kings Crossing, Lamplight, and Centennial Acres Parks. Kings Crossing footprint will be downsized due to current water retention in that area. Lamplight playground will be moved closer to the pavilion due to past vandalism at that location. These projects will not be affected by the Master Plan. Ms. Scott stated she will be working with Burke Playgrounds. She noted she obtained two prices even though Burke is COSTARS. Game Time is no longer in business, and the former Game Time representative is now with Burke.

The Board of Supervisors would like Brightbill basketball courts done immediately so they are completed by the time Brightbill Basketball League begins. Bid specs are being worked on.

Bid specs are being worked on for a new Brightbill Park storage shed and restrooms.

Public Works will update Koons Park water system from well to public water. The baseball field concession stand, restrooms, and water fountain are on a well. Mr. Lentz asked where they will get the water from. Discussion followed. Mr. Lentz stated there are electric lines at the volleyball courts and gas lines for the shed.

Koons Park Gary Lowe field will receive new fencing. Linglestown Baseball Association installed new fencing on two fields.

Ms. Scott stated she is looking at Hodges Heights redesign, and it will be a long-term project. Ms. Scott stated they are looking at a natural courtyard with an overhang since there is no shade. Mr. MacIntyre suggested putting a disc golf area at Hodges Heights. Discussion followed.

Ms. Scott informed the Board that Jeff Kline, Director of Public Works, will be retiring on January 31. Tim Nolt, who was the Sewer Department engineer, will replace Mr. Kline as Director of Public Works Department.

ARTS COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The meeting was cancelled.

GREENWAY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

There was no meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

There was no meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn A. Sawyer

Recording Secretary