



Board of Parks and Recreation

South Whitehall Township
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
April 12, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Gregg Spence, President, Katrina Idleman, Secretary, Mark Ackerman, Bill Glose, Keisha Champagne

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Keppel N/A, Steve Walck N/A

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Kukitz, Park and Recreation Manager, Randy Cope, Director of Operations

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Diane Kelly, SWT Commissioner, Terry Horn (PASD), Jessica Beller (PASD), Elizabeth, Kit Mozeko,

Minutes – April 12, 2021

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

- A. Gregg Spence called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A. Acceptance of the March 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Mark A. and seconded by Keisha C.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - CORRESPONDENCE

- A. N/A

AGENDA ITEM #4 – OLD BUISNESS

- A. Projects Update reported by Mike K:
 - a. Covered Bridge Park Playground – The two rain gardens have been installed and the parking lot will be paved this week. Additional landscaping around the site and a chainsaw carving was completed. Randy C. stated that concrete pads are being poured for the benches, picnic tables and trash cans as well.
 - b. Vistas Park – No new updates. We should here back from DCED on the submitted grant request by our May or June meeting.
 - c. Kohler Ridge – April 22, 2021 at 6:00pm is the first public meeting for this park. This was promoted through our social media and through the township newsletter.
 - d. Jordan Creek Greenway – An archeological study will be performed sometime during the next few weeks. This is the final step needed before submitting this project to

DEP. We are still making progress on the other two easements needed for phase 2 of this project.

- e. Covered Bridge Park Restroom – The restroom construction will start on April 26th and is still on track to be completed by May 13th for the ribbon cutting event.
- f. Jacoby Park – We have met with Playworld who is on Costars, is Pennsylvania based and is a well-known and reputable company. We should have a rendering for Jacoby Park by our next Park and Recreation board meeting. The initial thought is to install a structure that is suitable for ages 2-12 with the possibility of adding a standalone play piece as well. We are planning to keep the current swings but update the hardware. We are also hopeful that we will be able to install a shade sail or shade structure of some kind. Last but not least, we would like to resurface the basketball court which is cracked in many areas. Kiesha I. suggested that we look into planting shade trees if possible, between the basketball court and new play area.
- g. Comprehensive Plan – We are finalizing the draft of this plan and will have it ready by the May Park and Recreation Board meeting. It will be emailed out to the Parks and Recreation board in advance of next month's meeting.
- h. Community Garden – We are continuing to brainstorm the possibility of creating a community garden with the Allentown Rotary Club. No new updates.
- i. PASD Board Members – Terry H. and Jessica B. were in attendance from PASD to observe our meeting. They are considering joining the Park and Recreation board.

B. The Open Space Fund Report – No new updates from the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # 5 - NEW BUSINESS

- A. We need Summer Camp Counselors for our 2021 Summer Playground Program. We have reached out to local youth groups, the boy scouts, Parkland high school and all of the local colleges to advertise this open position.

AGENDA ITEM # 6 - COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- A. N/A

AGENDA ITEM # 7 – ADJOURNMENT

- A. At 7:35pm, Bill G. made motion to adjourn, Mark A. seconded the motion.