



## Board of Parks and Recreation

South Whitehall Township  
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Glose, Mark Ackerman, Terry Horn, Keisha Champagne

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katrina Idleman, Jessica Beller

### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Kukitz, Park and Recreation Manager,

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stewart Pidcock, The Pidcock Company, Diane Kelly, SWT Commissioner, Monica Hodges, SWT Commissioner, two unknown individuals (Elizabeth & RB)

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## Minutes – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **AGENDA ITEM # 1** - CALL TO ORDER

A. Mark to run meeting due to Katrina's absence. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 2** – ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Acceptance of the April 11th, 2022 - Meeting Minutes  
a. Bill moves to accept the minutes, Keisha seconded.  
All in favor.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 3** – CORRESPONDENCE

A. Ridge Farm Final Plan Phase 1B  
a. Stewart Pidcock from The Pidcock Company displayed a color drawing of Phase 1B. This pertains to the northwest corner of Walbert and Cedar Crest. The southern portion will be 16 townhouse style apartments. Outside the TND area there will be 14 to 20 units located near the Jeras Barn. Streetscape will be extended along Walbert Ave. 8-foot-wide concrete trail with trees on both sides with decorative fence and columns that will run the entire length. North of Cedar Crest will convert into a bike path. In addition to the bike path, there will also be a series of trails that will run through the apartment area. All trails will connect. Next drawing is the open space area by the Walbert and Cedar Crest intersection. It will be a landscaped area with a plaza that will have pavers, pergola, benches, and bike racks. North of the apartment area is the main courtyard (almost 1 acre) that will sit lower with steps, trash cans, benches, bike racks and it is handicap accessible.

Stewart stated that the township requested to use the bandshell on the east side in Phase 1A. He added the request into the homeowners owners documents. Mike K.

mentions parking could potentially be an issue for larger township activities, there is only 13 parking spaces. There is still a current lease on the Jeras Building. After the lease is up or in the next 5 years the building maybe used for construction/ sales offices. Stewart will inquire about a tour, maps, or information regarding the building. He submitted the final plans to the planning commission, hopes to hear back by the end of the month.

#### **AGENDA ITEM # 4** – OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Projects Update

- a. Vistas – 2 design options were provided.  
Option 1: consists of 3 pickleball courts(back-to-back),1 basketball court, shrink the soccer field (it will still meet standards) ,1 shaded structure (30X50 maximum) and 50 parking spaces. The sidewalk to Chapmans Road was deferred by the township. They will reach out to the HOA to connect the sidewalk; it will be brought up at the next meeting.  
Option 2 consists of 3 pickleball courts (side by side), 1 basketball court, soccer field and a shaded structure (75X15 maximum)  
All agreed option 2 was best.
- b. Kohler Ridge – No new updates.
- c. Jordan Creek Greenway – Working with Michael Baker on a soft cost estimate for the shared road path.  
Option 1: Widen River Road  
Option 2: Construction of the bridge from the southside of the current guide rail on River Road  
Option 3: Build up the earth between the creek and the guide rail, to keep the trail off the road.  
Option 4: The shared road idea – signs, tabletop speed bumps and discussing the speed limit ( it is currently 30mph)
- d. Comprehensive Park, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Plan – A public meeting was held that 14 residents attended. All the feedback was positive. Surveys are being collected and reviewed.
- e. Covered Bridge Park Restroom – Damage to the automatic closure in the men’s restroom continues to get stuck. Seems to be settling, repairs are being made.
- f. SW Chase Playground – No new updates on the playground. The basketball court is waiting to be repaved. The contractor stated that it could possibly start July or August.
- g. Sponsorship Materials – Everything was agreed and approved in the last meeting. Hoping to go live at the end of the month.
- h. Wayfinding Signage – 2 of the 3 quotes have been received. Waiting for the last

last quote. Hoping to place the order next month.

- B. Open Space Fund Report – Reference report for details.

**AGENDA ITEM # 5 – NEW BUSINESS**

- A. TASA Funding – The township was awarded \$1 million to construct the Greenway from Wehr Mill Road to Lapp Road.
- B. Parkland Area Summer Rec Camp – This year SWT partnered with Upper Macungie and North Whitehall. There are 538 children enrolled and 287 on the waiting list. Interviewing 15 more counselors. Orefield stopped at 75 children. SWT has 3 sites, but 5 sites total.
- C. Spring Program Update – Zumba has started. 6 people attended last year, 19 registered so far this year. Mighty kicks (3 to 7 year old) program has 128 children enrolled with a waitlist and at capacity with coaches. New this year is t-ball and basketball for the 3 to 7 year olds, will have to be expanded. Yoga, dog training and meet the natives is coming up soon. Tennis sign ups hit a record high with 16 students. Earth Day and the Fishing Derby exceeded expectations. Earth Day had 20 volunteers at Fernwood and CBP had 60 to 70. Adult fitness class sign ups are currently low, Mike K. will do more social media postings.
- D. Rec Specialist Position - The year-round part-time position has been filled by Josh Macnamara who will start May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**AGENDA ITEM # 6 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- A. Diane states that a resident approached her about the cracks in the tennis court. Mike K. said he is aware that they require attention and is looking into it.

**AGENDA ITEM # 7 – ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Keisha motioned to adjourn meeting. Terry seconds that. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.