



Board of Parks and Recreation

South Whitehall Township
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
June 13, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Glose, Mark Ackerman, Terry Horn, Jessica Beller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katrina Idleman, Keisha Champagne

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Kukitz, Park and Recreation Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Herb Bender, Ashley and Lindsey from Barry Isett & Associates

Minutes – June 13th, 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 May 9th , 2022 - Meeting Minutes
 - a. Bill moves to accept the minutes, Terry seconded.
All in favor.

AGENDA ITEM # 3 – CORRESPONDENCE

- A. N/A

AGENDA ITEM # 4 – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Projects Update
 - a. Vistas – Mike K. states Piddock is still running numbers for the budget. The current budget figure is roughly \$550,000.00, we have \$200,000.00 secured from a DCNR grant. We also have \$85,966.00 secured from a DCED grant. Will have the actual numbers at our September Parks and Recreation board meeting.
 - b. Kohler Ridge – No new updates.
 - c. Jordan Creek Greenway – Still working with Michael Baker on the options.
 - 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 – Mike K. tabled
 - e. Covered Bridge Park Restroom – Repairs are complete.

- f. SW Chase Playground – No new updates.
- g. Sponsorship Materials – Everything is finalized and on the website.
- h. Wayfinding Signage – Everything is ordered and put on the schedule.
- i. Parkland Area Summer Rec Camp – Camp officially started today! Over 100 kids at each school. Cetronia School is currently closed, so Orefield School is being used instead. Kratzer has a portable toilet outside, they may get another one.

B. Open Space Fund Report - \$445,000.00 available

AGENDA ITEM # 5 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Trail Plan- Ashley and Lindsay from Barry Isett gave a brief overview of what is going on for the public meeting next week. Everyone received handouts from Ashley. Ashley stated they visited all 26 parks and open spaces in SWT. This helped them get the idea of the current condition of our parks, open spaces, maintenance, etc. The Barry Isett team has compiled the findings from all the parks on a handout reviewed with the Park and Recreation board. The parks were ranked into categories: excellent, good, fair, and poor. Lindsay goes into detail what NRPA is and the standards they require. NRPA standards take national information, then break down and compare information to our local community. It is a baseline that is used as a starting point.

Ashley then showed a brochure and flyer about the PROT plan public survey on Survey Monkey. Survey Monkey is a platform that allows residents to give feedback. At the public meeting Barry Isett will go over the park inventory and all the handouts. Ashley then asked what everyone was thinking in regard to the end result. Mark said he hopes to have more space for recreational space. Mike K. hopes that any program or event gaps in the community are identified. Terry thinks that the addition of Pickleball would be a great addition to our community.

AGENDA ITEM # 6 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- A. .

AGENDA ITEM # 7 – ADJOURNMENT

- A. Bill motioned to adjourn meeting; Jessica seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.