



## Board of Parks and Recreation

South Whitehall Township  
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
March 11, 2024

### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Ackerman, William Glose, Jessica Beller, Keisha Champagnie, Terry Horn, Matthew Peterson, Katrina Idleman

### BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE

None

### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Lynn Matula – Park and Recreation Manager

### ABSENT:

None

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## Minutes – March 11, 2024

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

A. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M

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

A. Matthew made a motion to accept the January 8, 2024 minutes, Bill seconded, all were in favor.

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

A. None

### **AGENDA ITEM #4** – OLD BUSINESS

A. None

### **AGENDA ITEM #5** – NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

- a. The Board asked Mark if he was opposed to continuing on as Chairman. He said he would be happy to continue as Chairman
- b. Keisha made a motion nominating Mark Ackerman as Chairman. Bill seconded, all were in favor.

B. Statement of Financial Interest Forms

- a. Mark explained the forms, and asked Board members to complete them and submit to the Township.

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

A. Mark asked the group if they knew what work was being done to the mural on the foot bridge at Covered Bridge Park. There seems to be general maintenance or repair happening to the mural. It was also mentioned that the River Road work has begun.

B. Keisha had a resident ask about the Fernwood walking path stating it does not loop and asking why it was constructed that way. Lynn group pulled up an aerial view of the park to show how the walking path is laid out, the drainage areas that affect where it can connect, and showed how it

does actually loop. The Board members familiar with Fernwood also helped explain details about the walking path.

- C. Mark mentioned there were many trees down from the past storms. He has seen our Public Works Department working to get trees cleaned up. He suggested offering extended hours for Yard Waste Drop-Off after big storms to help residents try to get rid of fallen limbs.
- D. Lynn updated the Board on the trail construction happening at Covered Bridge, and how it will affect our summer concerts. Lynn explained the various options staff looked into, and that staff is looking to book concerts in September. One option was to have concerts at the High School practice field near the road. The Board liked this option and asked staff to look into trying to schedule a summer concert at that location. Several other location options were also discussed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jessica seconded; all were in favor.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.