

## **ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Park and Recreation Committee was held on March 7, 2017 at Adams Township Municipal Building located at 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The following members of the Park and Recreation Committee were present: Dave Goodworth, Diana Volkar, Tom Scheller, Marilyn Watson, Cristine Henderson, Clayton Morrow, and Kelly Cheponis. Also present were Supervisor Linda Lees and Park Director Haley Geyer. Members of the Park and Recreation Committee whom were not present: Jacki Smathers.

### **Public Comment:**

#### Tammy Crouthamel

Mrs. Crouthamel lives at 139 Pearce Road and questioned the current park trail and how there is no access to bikes in the park. She asked if the committee would consider making the current trail wider in the future for bike access. She stated that now that we have a trail connection along Three Degree Road and a safe way to get from neighborhoods to the park. She would like to see the use of bikes in the park, whether it be a designated bike lane on the current trail or consulting other connection points. The committee informed her that the current ordinance for bike access in the park is amended due to safety and liability reasons involving pedestrians walking or running on the trail and the speed of the person(s) riding the bike. Her next question was in regards to bringing horses in the park. If not on the trails, riding the horses around the perimeter of the park. The current ordinance for allowing horses in the park is amended due to limited liability. The Park and Recreation Committee informed Tammy that the current ordinance for allowing horses in the park is amended and they recommended Tammy to research other parks that have equestrian trails and possibly write a proposal

#### Greg Norton

Mr. Norton has been involved with the firework show, Thunder Over Adams for the past eleven years and came to discuss the fireworks for Community Day in September and to introduce Albert Knoblach.

#### Albert Knoblach

Mr. Knoblach is owner of The Little Big Shots and has been involved with fireworks for over twenty-nine years. He also has been a part of Thunder Over Adams for the past six years and is familiar with the kind of show, the set-up, technology, and other logistics. He is aware that the location of the fireworks needs to be changed this year and has recommendations for new areas on site. He presented a slideshow of information and pictures of past firework shows, types of fireworks, and a possible new location site for Adams Township.

- On a motion made by Diana Volkar, the Park and Recreation Committee would like to pursue this recommendation on using The Little Big Shots as the vendor for fireworks onto the Board of Supervisors. Marilyn seconded.

Eight were in favor.

#### **Other:**

Before moving further into the meeting, Dave Goodworth introduced the new Park and Recreation Committee Members, Clayton Morrow and Kelly Cheponis.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion made by Dave Goodworth and seconded by Tom Scheller, the Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for February, 7 2017 were approved.

Eight were in favor.

#### **Old Business:**

The Park and Recreation Committee forwarded our support in changing the current ordinance on permitting alcohol to the Board of Supervisors to draft a possible change.

Marilyn Watson brought up in discussion, the signs posted in the park stating dogs must be on a leash and not permitted on the baseball fields. She stated that she has seen multiple people utilizing the park and letting their dogs onto the baseball field without being leashed. Due to there not being a sign on the Veterans Field, the certain individual(s) didn't see the problem. The current Park Rules and Regulations states that dogs must be leashed at all times and not permitted on the baseball fields. Haley Geyer is planning to order more signs and make sure they are posted at all baseball fields.

#### **New Business:**

Cristine Henderson stated that the Mars Area Soccer Association would like to reserve a booth at the Adams Township Community Day and have enough space to hold a car to be raffled off. The vehicle is a 100% donation from Bobby Rahal Volvo in Wexford and tickets are numbered and limited. She stated the mission with profit is to build a new pavilion and referee shelter at the main soccer fields.

- On a motion made by Marilyn Watson, the Park and Recreation Committee would like to send the Mars Area Soccer Associations proposal to raffle off a new vehicle at this year's Community Day to the Board of Supervisors. Kelly Cheponis seconded.

Eight were in favor.

#### **Other:**

Clayton Morrow brought up invasive plants being near or off the park trail. This could be a possible clean-up project and to keep that in mind for the future.

The Park and Recreation Committee also brought up in discussion how the trash cans easily become filled and recommended getting more in the park for the future.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Dave Goodworth and seconded by Tom Scheller. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Eight were in favor.

Submitted by:

Haley Geyer