

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
March 6, 2007

The East Rockhill Township Park and Recreation Board met for their first meeting in 2007 on March 6, 2007 at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 N. Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944. Present were Patricia Marlin, William Wilson III, Sam Martin, and Township Manager Anne Klepfer. Absent were members Terri Thomas, Kathy Rasweiler and Stefanie Brzezicki. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Klepfer noted that a majority of the Board was not present and the Board therefore deferred choosing a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary for the Board. The Board noted one change to the October 2006 Minutes and asked that Mrs. Klepfer change the spelling of Mrs. Brzezicki's first name.

The first item of business was discussion of the Use and Reservation Policy for fields, facilities, paths and open space. The Board mentioned that they continue to have concerns about facilities being reserved by organizations for the majority of useful time. They asked Mrs. Klepfer to bring the reservation/facility schedule to the next meeting to look at. They will also discuss the policy for reservation fees and cut-off dates for field maintenance.

The next item discussed was the subject of Park Maintenance. Mrs. Klepfer stated that the Public Works Department does conduct annual maintenance inspections and routine walk through, however she suggested that the Park and Recreation Board annually dedicate two of its meetings to conducting walk through tours of each of the Township's recreation facilities. The Park and Recreation Board decided June and September meetings would be ideal for this. They will look at items such as equipment that needs attention, equipment they will recommend for replacement, additional facilities they would like to see and any other issues that come up.

Mrs. Klepfer reported that drainage repairs to the walking path in Markey Park were made over the winter and that a "box drain" would be installed at

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one location on the walking path in Markey Park when the weather and scheduling permits. The drainage problem areas were brought to the attention by residents who are frequent users of the path. Mrs. Klepfer also reported that the Board of Supervisors requested Dog Clean-up signs be installed along the walking trail. These signs have already been ordered. Mrs. Klepfer informed the Board that she had the Public Works Department design, build and install two bulletin boards for public notice and notice of items of public interest. The Recreation Board thought it would be nice to allow community events sponsored by Churches or NFP's to be posted on the Bulletin Boards. Mrs. Klepfer said she will probably need to draft a written policy for use of the Boards as she does not want them to become a haven for yard sale advertisements.

Mrs. Klepfer asked the Park Board if they are inclined to make a donation to the Pennridge Community Day event. Donations of \$235.00 and above receive recognition of varying degrees. The Park Board suggested Mrs. Klepfer find out what other Pennridge municipalities are donating/have donated in prior years and recommended a donation of \$235.00 if consistent with what our neighbors do. They also suggested donating some tokens to be raffled off if so requested.

The Park and Recreation Board discussed special events for East Rockhill Township. They mentioned that community day events in the past had marginal attendance. Mrs. Klepfer reported that a resident had suggested that the Township sell Mood's Covered Bridge Replicas or collectible tiles and use the proceeds to fund a Community Day. The day could even be scheduled to coincide with the dedication of the re-built covered bridge. It was suggested that if tiles were too expensive then perhaps a Cats Meow type wooden replica could be created for sale. The Recreation Board members felt that if this type of commemorative project is undertaken that the Township should start a series of commemorative slates or models of multiple historic properties/icons in the community and issue a different one each year. In addition to Mood's Bridge, the Sheard's Bridge and Sheard's Mill were mentioned.

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Finally, the Recreation Board reviewed the 2006 Park and Recreation Plan update recommendations. They reviewed the Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Schedule. Mrs. Klepfer noted that revisions to the Zoning ordinance were made in December of 2006. However, the revisions to the SALDO are still needed. The Board suggested looking at recreation facility improvements and accessibility in June on their tour and suggested the Township have an Open House to discuss Conservation Easements with large land owners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Anne Klepfer, Township Secretary

Date approved