

East Rockhill Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD NOTES
February 28, 2017

The East Rockhill Township Park and Recreation Board met on February 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 N. Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944. The following members were present:

Diane Blodgett
Stefanie Brzezicki
Anne Fenley
Patricia Marlin
David Stevens
Roseann Valone
William Wilson

Also present were Officer Steve DiGiovanni and Officer Richard Dean of the Pennridge Regional Police Department, Marianne Morano, Township Manager and Gina Wooler, Township Administrative Assistant. The meeting convened at 7:01 p.m.

Reorganization: A motion was made to nominate Diane Blodgett as Chairperson. All were in favor. A motion was made to nominate Patricia Marlin as Vice-Chairperson and Anne Fenley as Secretary. All were in favor.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 23, 2016. All were in favor.

New Business:

Run the Rocks 5K Event:

Officer DiGiovanni and Officer Dean discussed a 5K run to be held at Markey Park the end of May or middle of June. The event would support NOVA: Child Advocacy Center and FISH of Perkasio. They are also attempting to schedule a car show in order to keep people in the park for the day. Live music entertainment and a special needs event were discussed. Contributions should cover the cost. Board will contact Diane Blodgett with ideas and she will pass them on to Officer DiGiovanni next week.

Conservation Easement – Richlandtown Road:

A conservation easement has been placed on three parcels off of Richlandtown Road (Girl Scout Camp and adjoining parcel) totaling 88.9 acres. Conservation Plan was provided to the Board.

Markey Park Benches:

A plan of the Markey Park trail was provided showing placement of benches in the park to see if there was any interest in adding additional benches along the trail. Members of the Board will walk the trail to see if there is a need for more benches. One along the short trail portion leading to the football fields was a suggestion. An article in the Township newsletter regarding a memorial bench would cover the cost of additional benches.

The Board inquired who maintains the path from School House Road to Markey Park. Placement of a sign on School House Road pointing out the trail and speed limit signs for that road were discussed.

Eagle Scout Project – Markey Park:

Seth Zellers has painted the pavilion at Markey Park and Iron Bridge Park and installed benches at the Markey Park softball field as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Old Business:

Proposed Trail from PHS to Markey Park:

The Board was provided a completed survey plan for the proposed trail. Estimated cost of the trail is \$280,000. The Township will continue to apply for grants.

A soil solidifier, which is easier to maintain, was suggested rather than paving to cut costs and make a more natural path. The Board thought paving as more of a liability on such a steep hill. Poly-paving was also a suggestion to cut cost.

Community Trails: A map of Bucks County trails was provided in response to the Board's previous request for neighboring trail plans. They are available on Bucks County's website.

PA Highland Trail Network:

Mr. Stevens distributed a trail map of the Quakertown region.

There was interest in walking the trail at the Campground off of Covered Bridge Road and about plans for the Moore property.

There was discussion for a tentative meeting on April 25, 2017 which is an unadvertised meeting. The next advertised meeting is May 23, 2017.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Valone the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Administrative Assistant