

EAST HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES for December 4th, 2017

Board Members Present:

Steve Espenshade, Karen Zemitis, Laurie Reichert, Karen Henry, Rick Smith, Dave Hamaty, Yvonne Sharrow

Board Members Absent:

All Present

Park and Rec Director:

Anthea Stebbins

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

- Previous month's minutes for November 2017 were approved. Motion for approval by Laurie Reichert, 2nd Karen Zemitis. Motion approved by all present, 7-0.
- P&R Funds Report for November 2017 was reviewed and approved.

P/R Directors Report

- Volunteer Hours for Disc Golf was presented. Was suggested we track and add volunteer hours for all events.

Old Business:

- Zoning Issues with Horseshoe Trail Signs – We cannot fund request for the signs due to the current zoning issues.
- Tree Lighting went well and wonderful turn out.
- Wreath making was great! 32 people in attendance.
- Memorial Bench approved – Estimates for plaques is approx. \$113.00 which will be a 3x8 bronze plaque and engraving is included.
- Cost to purchase bench and plaque for the public will be approx. - \$500-800 for the bench and \$113 for the plaque. Once bench is purchased, the family may add more than one plaque to the bench for their family members.
- Recycle Bins in the Park – Will put 2 in the park at both entrances.
- Breakfast with Santa – Volunteers please arrive at 6:30am.
- Budget for 2018 – Request put in to add \$5000 for the concert series, concrete T-Pads and Disc Golf.

- In regard to: Clarification regarding item lines 392.01 transfer from General Fund to the P&R fund for 2016 and 2017. When will these funds will be deposited into P&R Fund. Also, when will item line 392.97 Gaming fund be deposited into P&R Fund for 2017. Anthea will check with BOS and Paul Cornell regarding the deposits. Rick Smith advised us we will not be getting \$50,000 annual allocations from the Gaming Fund any longer. Rick Smith clarified below what is going on in regard to the Park and Rec funds.
- Per Rick Smith – There will be changes in the P&R Funds. All funds will be integrated into the general fund, which include the checking, savings, and PLGIT. There will no longer be a separate account for P&R funds. The P&R Board is concerned that the money saved for P&R projects would be used for the township operating costs and expenses instead of P&R projects. We were assured that the Board of Supervisors is behind us in the Park and Recs Growth and Park Plan. We were told this is being done to clean up accounting issues and make the books cleaner. We asked if this had anything to do with the current Secretary/Treasurer being on an extended leave of absence. We were told that it could not be discussed at this time.
- The P&R board was very surprised, and a bit upset regarding the P&R funds being moved into the general fund without discussing the move with us prior to the decision being made. There is currently approximately \$550,000.00+ in these accounts.
- Ideas for downstairs (Old Public Works Room) – Commercial Kitchen, Multi-Purpose room, Bathrooms. Can we utilize this room now for Summer Rec when it rains or for ping pong or a play area while we decide what we are going to do with it and while the feasibility study is in process?
- Survey Monkey – An online form we can use so the Twp. Residents can fill out what they would like to see the downstairs area used for. We could put this in the newsletter.
- Plan for a large project to be done in the P&R Budget for 2018.
- Bring park plan books next meeting so we can discuss which project we would like to start on next for the park in 2018.

New Business

- P&R events Calendar – Add - Disc Golf Tournaments and Park Day
- Concert Series – Rent VFW – Shakedown BBQ will provide food. Have a vendor with alcohol and transient license. Entrance fee will be determined. Would like to recoup fees from event. Possibly charge a per car fee.
- Elections of Officers for 2018 – Steve Espenshade – Chair Person, Karen Henry – Vice Chari, Secretary – Lauri Reichert. Motions approved by all present. 7-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07pm

- Laurie Reichert made motion, 2nd by Dave Hamaty. Motion approved by all present. 7-0

Next Park and Rec Board Meeting

- January 8th, 2017 – 7pm

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