

Lower Frederick Township
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
December 4th 2017

Next meeting Monday January 8th 7PM

Members present: Warren Jacobs, Marla Hexter, DonaLynn Irick, Janet Luneau, Robin McGovern, Cathi Miller

Member Absent: David Heckman

Guests: Bob Yoder, Bonnie Yoder, Bob Burns

November 2017 minutes were approved

Bonnie Yoder shared information about the township website. The website recently migrated to a new platform which provides better speed and performance. The Park Board user_name and password remains the same.

Residents can contact the Park Board via the following email address: parkboard@lowerfrederick.org

Ron Kerwood forwarded an email to Warren Jacobs about grant money that Valley Forge Casino allocated to Montgomery County Parks and Trails. Warren is appreciative of this kind of information sharing and per Warren's request, Bonnie will ask the township manager to forward any future emails/information that may relate to the Park Board.

Kevin Tobias, the township manager, will be included in the distribution of all future Park Board minutes.

Marla Hexter reached out to multiple neighboring townships to better understand the role of their Park Board and to identify what our committees they have in place. Marla reviewed her findings with the Park Board and we will determine if there are ideas we want to incorporate into our own meetings.

The Park Board brainstormed different ideas for Colonial Park. Bob Yoder noted that the Open Space Plan, which was updated in 2015, determined there are adequate fields in the township and more aren't needed. Below is a list of suggestions for Colonial Park:

- Electricity
- Stage
- Playground
- Shaded walking trails with berms to provide privacy
- Meditation garden
- Pavilion
- Parking Lot

Warren has been gathering pictures of favorable things he's seen in various parks. We'll view his slideshow at the January meeting. All Park Board members are encouraged to identify other items throughout the month that we may want included in the design of Colonial Park. This will be discussed in more detail at the January meeting.

The parking lot at Foy Park will be closed to vehicles on December 16th. The rest of the park will be open.

Bob Yoder informed us of a feasibility study related to a 19 mile River Trail on the Perkiomen Creek.

The final item discussed was the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). Information related to EAC can be found at EACNetwork.org. The following text was taken from the EAC website:

EAC is a project of the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association focusing on environmental conservation and improvement.

EACs act as advisors to the governing boards that appoint them and to the local planning commissions, giving municipal governments a pool of hometown talent to draw upon when they make decisions affecting the environmental resources in their communities.

Many members of the Park Board expressed an interest in finding out more about this committee.