

Lower Frederick Township

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2020

Next Meeting Monday October 5th 7:00PM

Members:

DonaLynn Irick, Warren Jacobs, Greg Reich, Pamela Reich, Janet Luneau, Robin McGovern, Josh Meyers
Guest: Noelle Halter, Marla Hexter, Mark Hudson, Chuck Yeiser

Approval of meeting minutes:

A motion was submitted to approve August 2020 minutes. Approved.

Audio recording of meeting

DonaLynn Irick read the following announcement:

Park Boards meetings are recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes. The recordings are destroyed six months after the minutes are approved.

Summer Concert

Thanks to Robin and Bill McGovern for coordinating the AM Radio concert. And thanks to all who helped pull off the date change in such a short timeframe

Movie on the Mountain

Thanks again to Robin and Bill McGovern for handling parking responsibilities at the Movie on the Mountain. It was a beautiful night and the movie was well attended.

Cuddy Park Rain Garden

Pam Reich has been regularly updating the Park Board as things progress.

October 24th is the 2020 Perkiomen Plant-A-Thon at Cuddy Park. 10am -3pm. Sign-up is on the PWC website.

Warren Jacobs noted that we should try not to disturb the rain garden soil.. Warren used a selective herbicide and it did a really good job. This is good information for future use.

In order to facilitate the required excavation, it was decided that it is not practical to preserve existing plants. We will kill off existing plants and start fresh with the plantings from PWC at the Plant-A-Thon. Warren will weed whack once plants are dead.

Stream Clean-up 2020

Stream Clean-up has been rescheduled to October 31st. If you signed up for the previous date and can still make it you don't need to change anything. 9am-noon.

Budget

Pam Reich provided an update on the budget. Pam and DonaLynn Irick met with township manager, Mark Hudson. Mark suggested we try to estimate needs for the next 2-3 years. Prior to the meeting Pam provided the team with a draft of our proposed budget for Park Improvements which she presented for discussion. Both Noelle Halter and Chuck Yeiser noted the professionalism and effort that went into the budget preparation.

- DonaLynn reached out to the boy scouts about working with the Park Board with their Eagle Scout project
- Greg and Pam Reich visited Cuddy Park after a heavy rain. Grass was wet but not sloppy. Warren drove on the upper part of the field after a heavy rain and there was no problem.

Warren explained that the walking path around Cuddy was designed to hold heavy loads and it can be used to park cars if the park is used to host events.

- Warren and DonaLynn reviewed the past history of Colonial Park. Marla Hexter said there is no reason why the Park Board should not begin plans for the passive portion of Colonial Park.
- Janet Luneau suggested we prioritize the removal of dead shrubs at the circle. Chuck Yeiser mentioned the county hired a landscape architect who put together a plan for the circle. Chuck will request a copy of it from the county.

Playground Equipment at Foy Park

DonaLynn reported that the play equipment is in good shape except for a small section of plexiglass. Foy Park flooded during a recent rainstorm. Mulch was washed away and must be replaced but replacing the mulch is very expensive. DonaLynn Irick made a motion to dismantle the active use equipment at Foy Park. Pam second the motion. The vote was 3-3. Warren said there is no emergency to dismantle the play equipment and before we do, we need a plan on what can be done with it. Cuddy and Colonial would be a great location for the equipment but neither are a village central location. Chuck asked about play equipment being installed at Arcadia Station. Marla has the plan for Arcadia.. She'll check and let us know their plans.

Greg made a motion to dismantle the tot lot equipment. Warren second the motion. The vote was (4) yes and (2) no. We decided to dismantle the tot lot.

Park Inspections

All park inspection results must be submitted to Pam as soon as possible. Pam will consolidate and prioritize items to send to Mark Hudson.

Fall Fest

Fall Fest was cancelled due to Covid-19. DonaLynn reached out to all vendors to let them know.

Robin asked if anyone would object if she cleaned out poison ivy at Coble Park. We would be happy if Robin removes the ivy.

Robin said there's a safety issue with the seesaw at Coble Park. Pam and Robin will note all safety issues and DonaLynn will send them to the maintenance crew.

Old business will be moved to our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned