

HANOVER TOWNSHIP RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

3630 Jacksonville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017-9303
Minutes 05/13/10

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Alex Sahaydak, Mike Stasak, Sallie Bartos, Robert Roll, Dave Messics, Evan Diacogiannis.

CALL TO ORDER: Alex Sahaydak motioned to call the monthly Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:35 PM, seconded by Robert Roll.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 2010: Motion to approve minutes from March made by Alex Sahaydak, seconded by Mike Stasak. *Approved by all members in attendance.*

CHAIRMAN REPORT

- Presently there is no further update on the DCNR grant for the new park that is along Hanoverville Rd. in the Township (Monocacy Park).
- A pedestrian sign on Crawford Road should be installed to alert drivers of crossing pedestrians at Southland Drive
- The township received a grant for the development of the Armed Services that was created when Hanoverville Rd was realigned with Rt. 512.

REPORT FROM HTCC:

- Community Center is preparing for the summer programs.
- In speaking with Cathy Heimsoth echos the need to further publicize the HTCC.
- Shares in our ideas about how to get the word out about the HTCC as well as Recreation in general.
 - Vision to establish a sense of community with the HTCC as the epicenter.
- Not only looking to improve the recreation programs, but to have an impact on someone's well being.
- RAB Board to review Community Center Section of Website and provide feedback.
 - Review information through the eyes of a new resident or someone that is unfamiliar with our facilities/programs.

OBJECTIVES PLANNING SESSION

- Board discussed the need to update the recreation around the township and to get more word out about what the township does have to offer.
- The RAB Board was operating under a tenet of "How can we grow interest towards recreation & community?"
- Board planned a May 26th park tour to create a narrative for each park to have available with pictures of each for the township website.

- Board also, discussed the idea of forming a residential park tour for the community to participate in.
- Each member of the board presented their “new township recreation ideas list”. A comprehensive list will be compiled and reviewed amongst the board to determine short, medium and long range priority. We will then review the list with Cathy Heimsoth and the Recreation Department to understand synergies and areas where we can collaborate
- Some of the initial suggestions were as follows:
 - Township website updated with pictures/descriptions of each park
 - Publish a map with rails to trails distances
 - Outdoor bathroom facilities and 2 additional tennis courts at the municipal park
 - Township Summer/Spring Concert series
 - Bike for a cause event or Kid’s Triathalon
 - Potential Dog Park

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP PARKS:

- Alex Sahaydak reported no problems with Crawford Park
- Mike Stasak reported no problems with the Municipal Park and was appointed Village View Park
- Sallie Bartos reported no problems at Delta Manor Park
- Dave Messics reported no problems with Troxell Park and was appointed College Heights Park
- Robert Roll reported no problems with Pharo Park and was appointed Armed Forces Park.
- Evan Diacogiannis reported no problems with Macada Park and was appointed Westgate Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Alex Sahaydak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Robert Roll seconded. *All members in attendance voted in favor.*

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 9, 2010.

Submitted by: Evan Diacogiannis / Alex Sahaydak