

BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
Recreation Board Minutes  
April 20, 2017

The meeting, held at the Bethel Township Office, 60 Klahr Road, Bethel, PA, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dale Light.

**Roll Call:** Members in attendance were members Don Almond, Shirley Folmer, Dale Light, and Darlene Orendo; Township Supervisor Mike Graby, and EAC member Fred Folmer. Absent was member Bonnie Behney.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February meeting were accepted with one correction on a motion by Don Almond, seconded by Darlene Orendo. The grass at the playground will be planted—not printed. The March meeting had been cancelled.

**Public Comment:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Recreation Land Update:

a. The board walked the property on March 12, 2017. They found the boundaries and corner markers and discussed sites for the driveway and parking lot. The first job would need to be the parking lot, but a decision needs to be made on the size. The Board will try to arrange a meeting with Gary Kraft to advise us on parking needs and driveway location.

b. Fred Folmer shared a flyer from Shiloh Hills Park in Spring Township to show some of the uses that are possible in a recreation area. They are hosting a Nature Expo on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some of the activities are strolling the trails, watching birds, participating in a scavenger hunt, looking through a solar telescope, building a solar oven, building and flying kites, discovering gardening, and learning about composting.

2. Frystown Playground Update:

a. Don Almond reported that the Township Supervisors approved Dale Bechtold to do filling, grading and seeding around the playground.

b. Don could not find an already assembled GaGa pit, but he found a kit for one. We discussed purchasing the materials and finding someone, perhaps a scout looking for a project, to assemble it. The kits are \$300. to \$400. dollars—this does not include the wood.

c. We discussed bench orders. Dale Light will check with Bonnie Behney to clarify where we are on this.

d. We also discussed creating a sign for the playground. Don is also working on this. The sign will list those who donated items for the playground. Residents have already ordered and paid for three park benches and a bike rack.

e. Darlene reported that Amos Stotzfus called her and offered to donate picnic tables. There are currently four tables at the playground plus two small children's tables.

f. Dale suggested that we go to the playground and lay out where the grill and benches should be placed.

g. Don suggested painting hopscotch and four-square grids on the basketball court.

h. We discussed the dedication and will discuss further next meeting.

3. Banner Update:

- a. E-mails were sent to those who purchased banners about placement of the banners.
- b. Some residents had questions about the Met-Ed pole placement for the purchased banners although all purchasers got their banners placed in the town they wanted.
- c. We will check with Jayne as to the order the banner requests were submitted.
- d. Any extra photos will be returned by mail.
- e. It was requested that the Rec Board look at the banners before they are hung.
- f. Darlene suggested that information about the banners be put on the website.

4. EAC Comment:

Fred Folmer asked that anyone available help at the Litter Pickup on the ramps of I-78 on Saturday, April 22. Helpers will meet at the Library Annex at 9 a.m.

**New Business:**

Don Almond moved and Darlene Orendo seconded that we ask the supervisors to again provide a Port-A-Potty for the playground this summer. The motion carried.

Don Almond moved and Dale Light seconded that we purchase two dozen American flag banners as fill-ins. The motion carried.

**New Commercial Plans:** The Board reviewed the plans for Midway Industrial South.  
Prologis: 304,000 square feet

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Township Office.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Folmer, Assistant Secretary