

BETHEL TOWNSHIP
Recreation Board Minutes
August 18, 2016

Recreation Board Chairman Dale Light called the Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Bethel Township Office 60 Klahr Road Bethel, PA.

Roll Call- Members in attendance were Don Almond, Bonnie Behney, Dale Light, Darlene Orendo, and Township Supervisor Mike Graby. Absent was member Shirley Folmer

Approval of Minutes- Darlene Orendo made a motion to accept the July 21, 2016 minutes Don Almond seconded. All agreed. The motion carried.

Public Comment- None

Unfinished Business-

1. Frystown Playground Update-

- a. YLAP – Dale Light and Don Almond will install signs.
- b. Don Almond will follow up on the installation of the Basketball nets.
- c. Portable Bathroom installed
- d. Mushrooms will be painted
- e. Bonnie Behney to follow up on the removal of the bar-be-que- pit by 9/30/2016.
- f. Discussion on the continued use of the baseball fields. Would there be a better recreational use for that area?
- g. Bonnie Behney to obtain pricing for small trash bins for the playground area.
- h. Mike Graby to follow up with the township engineer for guidance on bathroom facilities and possible location of walking trail. Do we have a deed to the property to reference?

2. Recreation Land-

- a. There were no additions to the list. The ideas will be shared with EAC at the September meeting.
- b. Brainstorming :
 1. Walking Trails possibly two one flat one using the upgrade slope of the land
 2. Parking Area grade out and stone
 3. Pavilion and Picnic Area
 4. Nature Trails
 5. Bird Houses
 6. Timbering of land as needed may bring in some \$
 7. Small Playground
 8. Various picnic tables and benches scattered
 9. Signage to Introduce park and future plans to spark community interest.

3. Hometown Hero Banners-

- a. Darlene Orendo reported the forms are updated. The Board decided to send the forms out in November with a deadline of January. Banners to be installed in April and May with a possible dedication on Memorial Day.

New Business-

1. Review of Residential/ Commercial Plan
 - a. No new plans to review.
2. EAC invited to September 15, 2016 meeting to discuss Recreational Land.
3. Recreation Grant Ideas: Lee Groff is working with the township to help write grants. DCNR has one for Community Recreation and Conservation Planning. Submission opens 1/20/2017 and closes 4/13/2017.
 - a. 50/50 match

- b. Maximum cost \$60,000.00. May use \$3,000.00 in professional fees.
- c. Estimated time line for the project 2 year process.
- d. 2 bids needed for each item listed below.
- e. Lee Groff will help Shirley Folmer write a narrative for the project as well as obtain letters from Representatives Jozwiak and Argall.

- 1. ADA pathway
- 2. Parking Lot
- 3. Bathroom Facility
- 4. Replace Pavilion
- 5. Repair Storage Building
- 6. Fencing
- 7. Walking Path on Playground Side

Next Meeting Date was set for September 15, 2016 at 7:00p.m.at the Bethel Township Office.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Behney Recreation Board Secretary