

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP**  
**Recreation Board Minutes**  
**September 15, 2016**

Recreation Board Vice Chairman Don Almond called the Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Bethel Township Office 60 Klahr Road Bethel, PA.

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

**Approval of Minutes-** Bonnie Behney made a motion to accept the August 18, 2016 minutes Shirley Folmer seconded. All agreed. The motion carried.

**Public Comment-** None

**Unfinished Business-**

1. Frystown Playground Update-
  - a. YLAP – Signs installed.
  - b. Basketball nets will be installed 9/26/2016.
  - c. Portable Bathroom installed and will be removed in October 2016.
  - d. Doorknob replaced and locked.
  - e. Bonnie Behney will contact the Township Road Crew for removal of the Bar-b-que after 9/30/2016. Also asking them to move the volleyball poles up to the ball field area.
  - f. Discussion on the continued use of the baseball fields. Would there be a better recreational use for that area?
  - g. Don Almond will reduce the size of the current trash containers instead of spending money on new containers.
  - h. Gary Kraft will be invited to the October meeting for his expertise on the construction of a bathroom and replacement of current pavilion, and design ideas needed for the DCNR grant. Bonnie Behney will contact the township to obtain costs involved.

## 2. Recreation Land-

- a. EAC members Fred Folmer, Martha Olesh, and Township supervisor Jacob Meyer were in attendance.
- b. Brainstorming : 3 new additions
  1. Walking Trails possibly two one flat one using the upgrade slope of the land
  2. Parking Area grade out and stone / **lane**
  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.
  10. **Exercise stations along the trail**
  11. **Handicap Accessibility**
- c. EAC will take the list back to their meeting for discussion and additional suggestions.
- d. Fred Folmer has a topographical map to share
- e. Tree Removal- Fred Folmer reminded the Recreation Board there is an ordinance about clear cutting trees on properties in Bethel Township. Jacob Meyer suggested the use of a Forestry expert from DCNR to help determine what trees should be removed. EAC would like to keep unique trees for use in education.

## 3. Hometown Hero Banners-

- a. Only update: there will not be a dedication during the Memorial Day parade due to location of parade being in Bernville for 2017.

4. Recreation Grant-

- a. The Board will need to look at ideas and provide Shirley Folmer and Lee Groff with design plan and estimates so the grant can be submitted.

**New Business-**

1. Review of Residential/ Commercial Plan

- a. No new plans to review.

Next Meeting Date was set for October 20, 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