

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP**  
**Recreation Board Minutes**  
**January 18, 2018**

Recreation Board Secretary Bonnie Behney called the Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel Township Office 60 Klahr Road Bethel, PA.

**Roll Call-** Members in attendance were Don Almond, Bonnie Behney, Darlene Orendo, Rodney Keeney, and Sherri Glass. Absent was Township Supervisor Michael Graby.

**Reorganization-** Secretary Bonnie Behney called for nominations for Chairman. Rodney Keeney nominated Don Almond, seconded by Darlene Orendo. Nominations closed and Bonnie Behney called for the vote to elect Don Almond Chairman. All agree. Motion carried.

Don Almond called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Darlene Orendo nominated Rodney Keeney, seconded by Bonnie Behney. Nominations closed and Don Almond called for the vote to elect Rodney Keeney Vice Chairman. All agree. Motion carried.

Don Almond called for nominations for Secretary. Sherri Glass nominated Bonnie Behney, seconded by Darlene Orendo. Nominations closed and Don Almond called for the vote to elect Bonnie Behney Secretary. All agree. Motion carried.

Don Almond called for nominations for Assistant Secretary. Bonnie Behney nominated Darlene Orendo, seconded by Sherri Glass. Nominations closed and Don Almond called for a vote to elect Darlene Orendo Assistant Secretary. All agree. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes-** Darlene Orendo made a motion to accept the December 21, 2017 minutes Don Almond seconded. All agree. The motion carried.

**Public Comment-** None

**Unfinished Business-**

**1. Recreation Land Update-**

- a. Bonnie Behney will send an email to DeVon Henne for an update on the Recreation Land survey and report back at the next meeting.

**2. Frystown Playground Update-**

- a. Discussion on next DCNR recreation grant opening up 1/22/2018. Bonnie Behney to contact Supervisor Lee Groff about the next grant application process.

**3. Hometown Hero Banners-**

- a. Carl Weaver is willing to help organize a third banner run starting 3/1/2018. The board will advertise on the Bethel Township website, township email web blast, merchandiser, and Sherri Glass will place them at the school district.

**4. Bethel Community Day Event-**

- a. Don Almond will contact Dale Light about the status of this event and possible event committee.

**5. Tree Lighting-**

- a. Dates are set for the 2018 Tree lighting 11/25/2018 rain date 12/2/2108 7 p. m. Tree set-up will occur 11/17/2018.
- b. Jayne Seifrit will work on township right-a –way for possible new tree placement.
- c. Don Almond will contract the Jonestown Recreation Board to inquire about their tree placement and Christmas decorations on met-ed poles.
- d. Rodney Keeney suggested the possible purchase of a banner for the Tree Lighting event. We will explore the possibility.

**New Business-**

1. Review of Residential/ Commercial Plan- None
2. The board was informed of the awarded grant for Tulpehocken, Bethel, and Marion townships to do a Comprehensive Recreation Survey Plan. Bethel's monetary responsible of \$10,834.00 will be taken from the Recreation funds. The Recreation Board while they realize they are an advisory board questioned why this was never brought to their attention by the Bethel Township supervisors.
3. A motion was made by Darlene Orendo seconded by Sherri Glass to request that supervisor Lee Groff be assigned as the Recreation Board liaison for 2018. Since Mr. Groff is the grant writer for the township they feel his attendance and assistance at the monthly meetings would be a great asset.

Next Meeting Date was set for February 15, 2018 at 7: p.m.at the Bethel Township Office.

**Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Behney Recreation Board Secretary