

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and RECREATION BOARD
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2019**

Darlene Orendo, Vice Chair of the Bethel Township Recreation Board convened the meeting at 7:03 pm, the Bethel Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 7:03 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Recreation Board members Darlene Orendo, Sherry Glass, Bonnie Behney and Alternate Mark Shirk, Board of Supervisors members Jake Meyer and Lee Groff. Also, in attendance were Fred Folmer EAC Secretary and Township Secretary Treasurer, Jayne Seifrit.

Approval of Recreation Board Minutes

Sherry Glass made a motion to approve minutes from January 17, 2019, seconded by Bonnie Behney. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

2019 Tree Lighting – The Recreation Board members confirmed who they were going to contact for the 2019 event. They believe the ornament number is still fine even though a few were damaged. They will look into the rope lights. They would like to purchase totes for storage. Lee Groff mentioned they might like to check with Dollar General as they have been generous in the past. Jayne Seifrit stated if need be, we have a tax-exempt form that can be used at Dollar General.

Recreation Land (Airport Rd) – Fred Folmer wanted to know if the scope of work was out and any bids for project. He was told Gary Kraft is working on scope of work and getting a bid packet ready for the work to be done. A work day was held January 19, 2019, 8 people worked for three hours clearing trees in an area of about an acre. It is the area for parking, tot lot and pavilion. Another work day is scheduled for February 23, 2019 from 9am -12pm. Chipper has been rented again. Bonnie Behney asked if the Township would allow the use of cones and work signs to alert traffic, as it will be hard to pull off this time because of wet conditions. Another work day was scheduled for March 23, 2019 from 9 am – 12 pm.

Frystown Playground – Viking Baseball Club – Lee Groff stated he spoke to Eugene Orlando concerning the email and bullet points from the ball club. Lee Groff reported Eugene Orlando did receive email but has not had a chance to review. It was stated by-laws, insurance and contact information needs to be provided to the Township. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Board of Supervisors sign the agreement once it is signed by Viking Baseball Club and is satisfactory to the Township, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. The Board of Supervisors had approved the excavation work at a prior BOS meeting, Jayne Seifrit will contact Dale Bechtold concerning scheduling work. The Recreation Board will look into the cost of 3 trash cans for the park. Concession stand use is being questioned. Additional keys, locks etc. will need to be purchased. Lee Groff stated he had not heard back from DCNR, so we did not receive the grant applied for last year. He stated the grant is open now and needs to be submitted in early April. He attended a workshop and knows where he will add information and details in the budget section.

Multi-municipal partnership update – Lee Groff stated the drive through Townships was postponed until Tuesday February 26, 2019 because of weather. Lee Groff stated he will participate in the tour. The next meeting is March 20, 2019.

Municipal Marketing/Fundraiser Newsletter – Bill Splain attended a prior Recreation Board meeting introducing his company and ways they can help fundraise. Each Recreation Board member is tasked with bringing ideas to the next meeting to go into the newsletter.

Bethel Township Board of Supervisor discussion – Bonnie Behney read a definition of Public Works and asked if that is what the Township has. It was confirmed Road Crew department is Public Works. It was asked if the Township employees know what Public Works entails? Jake Meyer stated he believes they do. It was expressed the Recreation Board feels there is a lack of cooperation between Public Works and Recreation Board for tree lighting, trash removal and the banners. The Recreation Board has given advanced notice of when they need the assistance of the Public Works Department, but seem to scramble last minute to have someone there. The Banner removal was very disappointing and Bonnie Behney expressed her concern that it was misrepresented to the public that the Recreation Board is costing the Township additional monies to the tune of \$1,000.00. Sherri Glass and Darlene Orendo echoed the concern about the banners. The sponsors of the Hometown Hero Banners were asked whether they would like the banners removed over the winter and all said they would like them down but one. Jake Meyer stated he contacted vendors of banners and stated the worst time of the year on banners is summer due to ultraviolet rays. The Recreation Board stated they are looking at winter banners. Jake Meyer stated this is the first he heard of winter banners. They would then do an exchange of banners. Jake Meyer asked to have times/dates in the beginning of the year when the Recreation Board needs assistance from the Public Works department for the year. Bonnie Behney starting telling events and dates, she was asked to put it in writing. Both Boards feel there are good people representing the Township but need to communicate and work together.

Klahr Property – Darlene Orendo spoke with Ivan Fahnestock about property next to library. He said he has not forgotten but they are focused on the 16-acre lot on Martha Drive then would be working on property with buildings. Jake Meyer stated he will contact Ivan Fahnestock to see what he found out from the Attorney.

New Business

New Plans – none to review

Public Comment

none

Adjourn

A motion was made by Sherri Glass, seconded by Bonnie Behney to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Lee Groff, seconded by Jake Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary