

BETHEL TOWNSHIP
Recreation Board Minutes
May 21, 2020

Recreation Board Assistant Secretary, Darlene Orendo called the Recreation Board meeting to order via Zoom at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call – Members in attendance were: Don Almond, Mark Shirk, Darlene Orendo, Sherri Glass, Dale Stump and Rodney Keeney.

Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2020 meeting – Correction made to spelling of last name. Mark Shirk made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Dale Stump seconded. All agree. Motion carried.

Public Comment – B. Erb reported on his Eagle Scout project at the Airport Road Project. Said he would clear upper and lower trail. Working on spreading wood chips that are available and hoped to finish by weekend. We told him we would spray for weeds before he put down the chips. We thanked him for his hard work and asked him for pictures for our Facebook page and we will update the Rec. Board pamphlet.

Unfinished Business -

1. Tree lighting ceremony –
 - a. Rodney will speak to Tulpehocken Township and request an answer by June 18th meeting.
 - b. Johnson tree farm might be sold. Ask new owners for a donation of a tree.
*Mrs. Johnson passed away this week.
2. Multi-municipal Partnership update –
 - a. No word from John Zimmerman. Hoped to hear within 2 weeks but then virus put a halt to grants being awarded.
3. Frystown Playground –
 - a. Someone took yellow caution tape down.
 - b. Waiting for Berks to be designated green so we can set up a work date.
 - c. No word on baseball games.

4. Recreation Land –
 - a. Extra top soil to be used to complete projects.
 - b. Rough cut to be completed by Northern Berks Tree Service Brennon Zellers 484 955-3089
 - c. Do we need agreement with township to mow grass.
5. Hometown Heroes banners have been placed on poles.
6. Try to find another member to join the Recreation Board.

New Business

1. New Residential/Commercial plans (if any)
2. Discussion started to allocate Recreation Board funds. Some ideas were:
 - a. Frystown Playground: new parking lot, new pavilion, bathrooms. Costs for these items would be very high.
 - b. Airport Road Project:
 - I. Get quotes for pavilion based on size of pad.
 - II. Tot lot playground equipment.
 - III. Sign to designate area and rules.
 - IV. Benches (perhaps have community members pay for and dedicate them as they did for the Frystown Playground.)
 - V. Additional mulch needed.
 - VI. Environmental Advisory Council contact them for signs along trails?
 - VII. Dedication ceremony? When?

Adjourn

Next Recreation Board Meeting - Zoom meeting June 18, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Airport Road project weather permitting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherri Glass, Recreation Board Secretary