



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES 7-17-18 7PM

MEMBERS: ANDREW VASKAS, CHAIRMAN; BRYAN GRIMM, VICE CHAIR ; BRAD DEHART ; KEN LEHR, NICK BOCCELLA

ABSENT: CHRISTIAN ARENA; DENISE VANVALKENBURG

Administration

Approval of April 17, 2018 and May 22, 2018 Minutes: Ken moved; Bryan second; all in favor.

Christian Arena Resignation Letter: Mary read Christian's resignation letter and will forward to Dave Burman, Township Manager. Board members will think about good candidates and Mary will run the vacancy in the next Towne Crier newsletter, etc.

Old Business

Programs & Events

GO WilMa! Record Numbers! Currently at 840 compared to 628 last year.

School's Out—Let's GO WilMa! Park Party Record Numbers: 672 signed in compared to 480. Ken pointed out that not all visitors sign in, so there were certainly more people in the park.

Summer Camp Success: Mary discussed expanding the camps, and notified the board that she had created themes for the additional weeks and a marketing flier with the camp manager at Jump Start Sports. Mary will arrange a wrap up and feedback meeting with the Patriot Camp representatives and the Board's subcommittee.

Willistown Country Fair Volunteers: All of the Board members will be attending the fair.

Park Management

Okehocking Dog Management & Outreach Program (ODMOP): Mary reported that the Board of Supervisors is not interested in hiring interns for the program at this time. She reported that Dave gave the go ahead to host a public meeting or two about the preserve, the ODMOP program, issues at Okehocking, Friends of Willistown, the conservation easement allowance for dog runs on Okehocking IV, the northeast corner of Delchester Road and Route 3, etc., if the Board was interested in hosting. Andrew said that he would be willing to preside over these meetings as the Chair of the Board. Mary reported that Dave would hire a court reporter to record the meetings. No decision was made.

The Board discussed the possibility of including ODMOP-related questions in either mini surveys or the upcoming 2019 Parks & Recreation Survey.

Mary and Bryan, who is a retired insurance industry executive, solicited input from the Township's insurance regarding designated off leash areas, and completely off leash public lands. They will report further at the next meeting.

New Business

Troutbeck Farm Preliminary Plan ("Plan"): Mary alerted the Board to this pending development and showed them a copy of the proposed Plan. The property is identified on the Official Map and the Park & Recreation Plan component of the Comprehensive Plan as having an East-West Arterial Trail Planning Corridor, and specifically the Malvern-Willistown Greenway Trail Corridor traversing it. The Board is very interested in how the proposed Plan will address this designation. Nick, having experience with Township Planning Commissions, agreed to represent the Board at the Planning Commission meetings where this development is being discussed. Mary will connect Nick with the Planning Commission Chair and Director of Planning as well as the Zoning Officer to review the plan prior to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Artist Request that Township Sell Okehocking Print: A local artist has offered prints of his watercolor of the Garrett Farmhouse at Okehocking Preserve at a wholesale cost to

the Township so that the Township could sell it for profit to benefit the Parks & Recreation Department. The Board concluded that the Township is not interested in the business of selling art for profit at this time.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Bryan moved; Nick seconded; all in favor.

Next meeting: Due to a conflict with the Willistown Country Fair, the August 21 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting is be cancelled.

All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hundt, Recording Secretary