



Parks & Recreation Board

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Location: 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown, Pa., 19083 - Room B

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Park and Recreation Board held on January 24, 2023 held at Township Building at 7:30 pm

- 1) **Roll Call** – Michelle Alvarez, Rich Caroto, Joe Heller, Steve Cull, Jamie Jilozian, Steve Laughlin, Chris Bobbitt, Marc Merdinger
Also attending Brian Barrett and Jason O'Brien and Commissioners Gerry Hart

- 2) **Reorganization** – Nominations for Chair person –
Rich Caroto nominated Michelle Alvarez for Chair, Jamie Jilozian seconded it.
Rich Caroto made a motion to close nominations, Steve Cull seconded it – vote unanimous
Vote was unanimous for Michelle Alvarez for Chairperson (7-0).
Steve Cull nominated Rich Caroto for Vice chair seconded by Michelle Alvarez.
Jamie Jilozian nominated Chris Bobbitt, Joe Heller seconded it.
Joe Heller made a motion to table vice chair vote because Chris Bobbitt wasn't present for vote
Marc seconded it vote was unanimous (7-0).
Jamie Jilozian made a motion to open nominations for vice chair because Chris Bobbitt arrived at meeting late. Marc Merdinger seconded it, vote was unanimous (8-0).
Steve Cull nominated Rich Caroto for vice chair, Michelle seconded it.
Jamie Jilozian nominated Chris Bobbitt for vice chair Joe Heller seconded it.
Steve Cull made a motion to close nominations, Jamie Jilozian seconded it.
Joe Heller, Chris Bobbitt, Jamie Jilozian and Steve Laughlin voted for Chris Bobbitt.
Steve Cull, Rich Caroto and Michelle Alvarez voted for Rich Caroto. Marc Merdinger abstained.
Chris Bobbitt won nomination 4-3

- 3) **Public Forum** –David Ogg – 215 Colfax Road, David asked about the legality of the installation of the pickle ball courts at Paddock Park. He stated that pickle ball play violates the noise ordinance. He asked that we get a sound engineer to test any noise mitigation that is installed.
Jim DeMarco – 301 Colfax Road, Jim also came to discuss Pickleball at Paddock Park.
He wanted to know about efforts to sound proof the courts, he also recommended reduced hours and reduced number of courts in play.
Camille DeMarco - 301 Colfax Road, Camille asked about the Net pix pickleball group that gets a permit at Paddock courts. She said they have a lot of non-residents in that group.
Paul and Susan Kelly – 303 Colfax Road – They came about Pickle Ball at Paddock, they recommended we move the courts from Paddock or close them until a solution could be found to the noise issue.
Lou Ventura – 305 Merrybrook Drive, Tom McCormack 2600 Ashwood Road, Lou and Tom were there to advocate for a hockey court at Paddock. They asked to repave the old hockey court and put up nets.

- 4) **Approval of Minutes** from November 2022 meeting – Joe Heller made a motion to approve the November minutes, Steve Cull seconded it Vote was unanimous 8-0.

- 5) **Park Maintenance Report** – Jason O'Brien
January 2023 Maintenance Report
Completed –
 - Completed installation of Gest Equipment
 - Completed leaf collection
 - Installed new post & rail fence at Phelam entrance of Gest
 - Reconstructed the CREC sandbox
 - Installed two new play panels at Andy Lewis Park
 - Winterized all park facilities

- Took down park flags for winter
- Took down all football goalpost
- Removed Paddock hitting wall and placed in storage
- Installed 5 new play pieces in Paddock
- Refilled all dog bag dispensers
- Performed annual rain garden maintenance, all gardens
- Trimmed all shrubbery and ornamental grasses around park signs
- Aerated all fields, seeded heavily worn areas
- Made repairs to wood structure in Elwell
- Repaired Merry Place Sign
- Repaired free libraries in Merry Plc and Andy Lewis Park
- Installed new foul netting at Genthert
- Repaired steering wheel on firetruck at Merwood
- Installed new ADA swing for Gest
- Repaired track slide at Elwell

Scheduled-

- Assess ballfields, schedule repairs
- Start making minor ballfield repairs
- Install new player benches for Coopertown
- Order new players benches for Elwell 60'
- Start playground safety inspections
- Install new benches in Paddock

- 6) **Director's Report-** HavaGood Times Winter – Spring edition
 Trail summit – February 4 will be virtual,
 Capital program update – Karakung Lights, Tennis hitting wall at Paddock,
 Memorial benches, Llanerch ADA work
 Pennsy trail update –
 Darby Creek trail update
 Brookline and PROs plans
 Field Users meeting – Wednesday, February 15 6:30-8:15pm @ CREC

- 7) **Old and New Business** – Joe Heller asked if hiring a sound engineer for Paddock Pickle ball is something we should consider. Joe also asked about balls running into street from the Turf field at Reserve. Could some type of barrier be erected?
 Steve Cull asked if there was a resolution to the Brookline and Hilltop sharing of lit fields.

Chris Bobbitt made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Steve Cull seconded it. Vote was unanimous.