

**West Vincent Township
Park and Recreation Commission**

January 6, 2016 7:30 PM

Attendance: Brad Dyer, Bill Dietrich, Jim Deisinger, Steve Merroth, Whitney Jaeger, William Holderness, Board of Supervisor John Jacobs and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Dr. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The new members were introduced, William Holderness and Chip Farnham, who was unable to attend.

Mr. Jacobs stated that he received an email from Dr. Dyer about his frustrations with the appointments and felt that they were done the wrong way. He apologized to Sara Shick and Kristina Casey for that. He added that too often people complain without offering a solution. However, Dr. Dyer suggested that the commission is increased by one so that Kristina Casey could be on the commission since she was an active and vital member. He will see if it is possible.

Dr. Dyer stated that Mrs. Casey was very active in Movie Night and the Turkey Trot which are the two biggest events that this commission. If there was an increase of the number of appointments, it would be good if Mrs. Casey was one of them. Dr. Dyer made the motion that the Park and Recreation Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the number of the commission be increased to have eight members. Mr. Dietrich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The minutes from December were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Dietrich and a second from Mr. Merroth.

Old Business:

Fellowship Trail: Funds are in the 2016 Budget to move this to the bid process and construction. Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane suggested that the new Board help facilitate discussions with the church and Upper Uwchlan Township.

Fields: Turf blankets were installed. The soccer field was fertilized. The Capital Fund is about \$7,000.

Community Garden: Nothing new.

Park in Birchrunville: Rules need to be posted and a No Parking sign needs to be installed.

5th Annual Turkey Trot: Dr. Dyer stated that this was the most successful Turkey Trot yet. There is \$7,500 that will go towards the construction of the Fellowship Trail.

New Park Land along French Creek: This property has now been conveyed to the Township. The Park and Recreation Commission will make plans to tour it in the spring. It is possible for this to be incorporated into the Townships archery hunting program.

Township Property along Horseshoe Trail: Commission members went to look at the site last month. It is a beautiful piece of ground which was eased by the Board in December. In the future the ground would be a good place for trails. Mr. Dietrich suggested a native plant landscaping plan would be a good idea.

There was a discussion on the making of a township trail map. Public trails are ones owned by the township and will soon be marked, and the commission agreed that we should have a map of these trails available. At this time West Vincent Land Trust is creating a map of private trails which have been preserved through easements. It is difficult to publish a map of eased trails because they invariably cross trails which are not eased and are on private land and the public is not to use these trails. . Dr. Dyer pointed out that it is the duty of the township to protect private land owners. But the network has now grown to a size that a map of the eased trails where people are allowed will soon be possible. The West Vincent Land Trust is a private entity but has assured the Township that when a map is complete it will be shared with the Township.

Mr. Dietrich made the motion to appoint Brad Dyer as Chairman and Steve Merroth as Vice Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Deisinger seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM.