

**West Vincent Township  
Park and Recreation Commission**

**February 1, 2017 7:30 PM**

Attendance: Chip Farnham, Jim Deisinger Whitney Jaeger, Kristina Casey, Bill Holderness, Maria Jacobs, Carlo Zanni, Township Manager Erica Batdorf, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman Farnham called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The minutes from January 4, 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Mrs. Jacobs and a second Mr. Holderness.

**Reports:**

*Chairman Report:* Mr. Farnham stated that this year he hopes that the commission can pay attention to new programming and trails. As part of his report, he asked Jim Helm, 2563 Veronica Drive for an update on the Fox Hollow Subdivision trail. Mr. Helm stated that he has met with Ms. Batdorf and the Trail Subcommittee from Park and Rec about the trails on the south side of route 401 in the Southdown Subdivision and both Eagle Farms Phases. Mr. Helm feels that the Fox Hollow trail can be completed without much trouble. It is approximately 75% complete and marked. There are plans to review the trail with the Public Works Department for their assistance.

*Fields:* Steve Merroth was not present to discuss his findings on the fields so this was tabled until next month. Mrs. Casey contacted GEYA Baseball but has not heard back from them.

*4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:* Mrs. Jaeger reported that the Police Chief, Harriet Stone, Ms. Batdorf and herself met to discuss the most fiscally responsible way to go with this. It was determined that a Block Party would be the best. The Township is not involved with this and anyone can come. The Police Department will assist in closing the roads: Hollow Road from Schoolhouse Lane to Birchrun Road and Flowing Springs Road from Beaver Hill Road to Sheeder Mill Road from approximately 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Frances Ellis was concerned since she did not know about the meeting until it was too late to attend. She did some research on Block Parties and shared the information with the commission about informing neighbors. Ms. Jaeger stated that she was aware of the Dulchinos' feelings and that their property would be blocked off.

*Community Garden:* Bill Dietrich was not present to give an update so this will be tabled.

*Movie Night:* The catalog of choices has arrived. Ms. Casey will review it and make recommendations to the commission. She also stated that she will take a survey during Community Day. Movie Night was scheduled for August 26 at 8:30 PM.

*Campout:* Dates were discussed for this event. June 2, 3 was chosen. Mrs. Jacobs stated that she was looking for tent rentals. If anyone can find a place to rent them under \$100 it would be helpful. She plans to ask the local scout troops if they rent their tents. A 4-man tent should be large enough.

*Kite Making:* It was determined that the best time for this event would be at Community Day. A tent will be placed on the soccer or baseball field. Mrs. Jacobs will contact Cliff Quinn to make sure he is available. Since she will not be able to attend, she will be needing volunteers to assist in the kite making. There will be a charge of \$4.00 and be there from 10 am – noon. Mrs. Jacobs has a tent that can be used. Mrs. Casey will work with Mrs. Jacobs on this event.

*Unity Day:* Mrs. Jacobs stated that this event takes a lot of planning and would like to table it for a while. What she envisions is stage dancing and multicultural entertainment. Sandra Malamed is interested in this type of event and can be asked to come to a future meeting to get her ideas. Ms. Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that there was a wonderful Unity Service at the local synagogue last week. It was very well attended with from representatives of all faiths.

*Trails Subcommittee:* Bill Holderness stated that he and Mr. Farnham are currently working on the GPS of the Cooks Glenn Park. When he is completed with this, he will provide a copy to the Township. The next trail he will work on is the one in the Fox Hollow Subdivision. He feels that it can be done soon despite the corrections that need to be done. He stated that the Eagle Farms trails will not be done for a while. Mr. Holderness is concerned with the run off of silt into the French Creek from the trails at Cooks Glenn. He will look into possible corrective measures. There are new trails in design, but it is too early to share with the public where these are. Mrs. Batdorf added information about Cooks Glenn Park since it is a very large project and has nuances to the Agreement. A plan needs to be developed on how to move forward. Since this was funded with Federal money when it was first purchased it is only permitted to be passive recreation which includes trails, birdwatching and fishing. Ms. Shick proposed an interpretive sign on plants. Ms. Batdorf stated that was a good idea.

*Fellowship Trail:* Ms. Batdorf shared that the Stormwater is still in design. The next step will be bid documents.

**New Events:** Mr. Farnham stated that he would like for the commission to come up with some different offerings this year and to consider the adults also. He understands that the Community Garden is a great one for adults, but would like to consider others. Yoga in the park was discussed. Mrs. Casey will work on this idea. It was not attended well last year. It may be able to be held in the gazebo. Mrs. Casey suggested that they have a Picnic in the Park and stream music. A Thursday night will be considered for this. Mrs. Jacobs will try to get a live group to come. A date of July 13<sup>th</sup> was chosen as a target date.

### **New Business:**

Mrs. Jacobs stated that directional signs for the park are needed at the corner of Malehorn Road and St. Matthews Road. Mrs. Swavely shared that a resident has requested a sign at the entrance to the park. This will be looked into.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM.