

**West Vincent Township
Park and Recreation Commission**

July 7, 2016 7:30 PM

Attendance: Chairman Brad Dyer, Bill Dietrich, Whitney Jaeger, William Holderness, Chip Farnham, Maria Jacobs, Kristina Casey, Jim Deisinger, Board of Supervisor Mike Schneider, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Dr. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

The minutes from June were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Mrs. Jacobs and a second from Mr. Dietrich.

Old Business:

Events:

1. Campout: Mrs. Jacobs stated that she does not have anything to report except that the campout was cancelled and it is something to think about again next year. There were six families registered. One of the main issues for cancelling this event was to be fiscally responsible. Holding an event for a small crowd would not have been wise. She would like to look at the obstacles and see what can be done to encourage campers. It is possible to consider talking to local girl scouts and boy scouts to see if their tents could be rented. Another suggestion was to have the choice of not staying all night, but to leave at 11 PM if there was that need.
2. Kite Event: Mrs. Jacobs reported that the event went well, making 27 kites. Everyone who came seemed to really enjoy it. Cliff Quinn will forward an invoice. He would come again if he is asked.
3. Movie Night: The movie had to be changed to Guardians of the Galaxies which will be on August 27th at 8:30 PM. Volunteers will be needed to setup and take down. Setup should start around 6:00 PM. Last year approximately 150 people came. The cost of the movie is \$500.

Fields: Dr. Dyer developed specifications for the playing field maintenance for the Andrew Evans Park. This was developed with the criteria from the Penn State Extension representative, Peter Landschoot. The Commission discussed the list and added a few more items. Dr. Dyer will revise this and forward it to Mrs. Swavely to obtain quotes. Mrs. Casey will investigate the possibility of purchasing turf blankets in lieu of renting them. There are items on the list that are not included in routine maintenance, including the application of lime and top dressing on the field to fill in irregularities on the surface and using Dimetek on the baseball field. These will get separate quotes. It is time to get the broadleaf weed spraying done. Mrs. Swavely will contact Windview Athletic Field Maintenance and ask them to do this.

Community Garden: Mr. Dietrich reported that there are 21 gardeners with 25 plots. Eleven of the plots belong to Weatherstone residents. The 3rd water tank filling was just ordered which is a

little earlier than last year. He has met with the Girl Scout Leader, Annjanette Selvaggio regarding the projects approved for the garden. The girls will start with 4 boxes and work up to 9. The maintenance is going better this year and was able to get a tiller, hedge trimmer and weed wacker at a yard sale. He is going to ask the gardeners to assist the Girl Scout in their projects. We have not heard from Gene Krumenacker who is working on a kiosk for his Eagle Scout Project.

Regional Trail Map: The Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee has prepared a map of regional trails. Each Township on the map is to review it for accuracy and make comments. The map that was used was derived from the Multi-Modal Study. A few additions and corrections were given to Mr. Dietrich, representative to the PRPC, to take back to their next meeting. This included labeling the parks, Andrew Evans Park, Cooks Glenn Park, Wilson's Corner Park and School House Park. Deletions included removing the pipeline as a trail.

New Business:

Mr. Farnham asked questions on the Griffith Farm property and if it is a park that the Township could use. Currently there is a trail along the woods line which is mowed. There are no connections to other trails. The fields are rented out for farming. The Pulte Land Development is behind this trail, and they could be contacted to see if there would be a connection. Mr. Farnham would like to have public access to this three acre parcel. Mrs. Jacobs suggested that he ask the Board of Supervisors how they feel about the public using it and what restrictions are on it. The pond is could be made available for public fishing, but there are safety issues that need to be dealt with first and parking will have to be delineated.

Mrs. Jacobs asked about the Township trails. Dr. Dyer stated that he thought Ms. Kirchner was working on those before she left. When the new manager comes on board, she can be asked to start this project up again. Mr. Holderness asked about the trail map that French and Pickering was working on. Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that she understood that she was going to post it on the French and Pickering website when it was completed. Dr. Dyer stated that the trail map that this commission can work on would be Township owned trails. We should not concern ourselves with trails on eased land, just public land. Maria Holderness, 958 Jaine Lane stated that riding a bike along some of these roads is dangerous and if a public trail map were available, then the bike riders could us those and be safer. Dr. Dyer stated that this is a good idea to explore a Township owned trail map.

Mrs. Jacobs suggested that it is a good time to consider new activities that this commission can support in 2017. She thought maybe a survey to see what things the residents are interested in. Suggestions like a trip to New York to see a Broadway Show, a Gardening Talk, something to bring residents together. Other ideas the commission members suggested were Trail Walks, a Walking Club, Art in the Park which could feature local artists, Yoga in the Park, and a craft show in the Township Building at Christmas time featuring local crafters.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM.