

**Tulpehocken Township
Recreation Board
Meeting of October 15, 2020**

The Tulpehocken Township Recreation Board met on October 15, 2020 in the Township meeting room at 7:00 P.M. In attendance and voting were members: Rick Klopp, John Zimmerman and Jeffrey Zimmerman. Not present were Shelley Derr and Troy Lape. Also present was Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

No members of the public were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klopp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

REORGANIZATION FOR 2020

Members present agreed to table the 2020 Reorganization.

The Board discussed Ms. Derr being unable to attend meetings and her term ending in December, 2021. It was agreed that Chairman Klopp would request Ms. Derr to submit a resignation letter to the Township.

Mr. John Zimmerman advised that he would like to continue being a member of the Recreation Board; he noted that if the Township were to find someone younger that was interested, he would resign.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. John Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2018 Recreation Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. John Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2018 Recreation Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. John Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2018 Recreation Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. John Zimmerman discussed grants offered thru the DCNR; noting that at this time the Township is not eligible.

The Board discussed getting money in lieu of land with regards to Phase 2 of the Mt. Meadows development. They questioned if the Township has taken the steps to establish a Recreation Impact Fee. Mrs. Flaherty advised that she was unaware of such fee, but would look into.

Chairman Klopp stated that the Recreation Board completed a study between 2009 – 2011. The Board discussed what ever happened to that information, the Supervisors at the time the study was conducted and why the current Supervisors are unaware of that study.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space, and Greenways Plan for the Bethel, Marion and Tulpehocken Townships as presented by Recreation and Parks Solutions and YSM Landscape Architects

The Board discussed the plan and the need for the Township to own land.

Chairman Klopp updated the Board with regards to the offer made by the Rehrersburg Lions Club for the Township to lease their land. He reported that comments were made with regards to the Township not wanting to mow the property and needing to hire additional personnel to maintain recreation space. He also advised that the Township requested to see the Lions Club's financials. He commented with regards to Dolores Hill reaching out to club members and that causing quite the uproar and questioned where she was getting her information. He also commented on the Marion Lions Club forming their own park & rec. It is the thought of the Lions Club that if for any reason they have to fold, they would donate the land to the Township.

It was noted that the Recreation Board can only make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors; ultimately, it's up to the BOS to make the final decisions.

The Board discussed the Recreation Board holding community events with the Rehrersburg Lions Club or the local library.

The Board discussed how Bethel Township calculates the "Fee-in-Lieu" requirements. Mr. Jeffrey Zimmerman will reach out to Ms. Landis to clarify the information in the plan is correct. They also discussed the total number of lots in Mt. Meadows and expressed concerns with needing to enact the fee prior to Phase 2 being approved.

Mr. Jeff Zimmerman made a motion to recommend to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors that they use Bethel's "Fee in Lieu" calculation described in Chapter 3, page 21 of the plan for a fifty (50) unit or under subdivision, a single residential lot would be a one time \$1,000 fee and for a subdivision of fifty-one (51) units or more would pay a fee based on recommendations from the Township Solicitor and Engineer. The motion was seconded by Chairman Klopp and passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Klopp made a motion to recommend to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to have Mt. Meadows install recreational facilities in Phase 2 such as a pocket park or walking trail and to pay a Recreation Impact Fee ("Fee in Lieu"). The motion was seconded by Mr. John Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Klopp requested Mrs. Flaherty to look back in the Township files for the study that the Recreation Board completed years ago and the Mt. Meadows plan that the Recreation Board drew recreation space recommendations on.

Mr. Jeffrey Zimmerman updated the Board with regards to closing out the grant received from DCNR.

Chairman Klopp made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors reconsider leasing the Rehrersburg Lions Club grounds which would include the tennis courts, playground and open field; it would not include the meeting house or pavilion. Chairman Klopp would be the contact person for the Lions Club; he noted that the Lions Club is not interested in sharing their financials and they are not going anywhere. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed the Reading Eagle article from November, 2019 where a recreation fee was discussed and the Board of Supervisors minutes from October 9, 2020, where there was another discussion with regards to the Township leasing the Lions Club grounds.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Jeffrey Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M. The motion was seconded by Chairman Klopp and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township