

Elizabeth Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes for 09/01/2022

In attendance:

Tom Moyer, Mike Landis, Rodney May, Lisa Rothermel, Steve Garman, Ron Stief and Ken Fillo

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the July 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Supervisors Actions: Rodney May thanked Ken Fillo for his efforts in power washing the underside of the pavilion roof to determine if “Wet and Forget” would clean the roof to our satisfaction. It did not. Rodney had a contractor come to the site who power washed a sample section (the northeastern most bay). The contractor did 3 passes with cleaner and one with a brightener. He also suggested that the roof be stained rather than coated with a clear finish. He later submitted an estimate of \$1800 for the power washing part of the project.

The Supervisors requested other bids be submitted for their consideration.

Steve Garman suggested that we request bids from companies that specialize in cleaning log homes. Steve stated that they often use corn blasting or baking soda blasting.

Lisa suggested contacting Gingrich Builders in Ephrata (specialists in log homes) for a list of potential contractors.

The supervisors decided not to expand the court to accommodate a second pickleball court.

Basketball/ pickleball courts: The courts were repaved the Week of August 27th. It is expected that the wear surface and striping will take place in 3-4 weeks.

Baron Stiegel Lions Club: The club held 2 community concerts. The July 16th event saw about 30 people attend. There were rain showers prior to the event. The August 29th concert was attended by about 65 people, who set their chairs in the limited shade due to temperatures in the 90's.

Tree Grant: Ken Fillo reported that we were awarded the 15 trees that we requested. Rodney, Lisa, and Ken met with John Nissen, the PA. State Forester to go over the selection of trees and planting locations (as required for the grant). The bulk of the trees will be planted to provide more shade in the high usage areas, such as the pavilion and playground. 2 Sycamore trees will be planted in 2 areas with a high-water table.

We will receive notification of the day and time for pick up the trees in late October, with a requirement to plant the trees within 1 week. Steve Garman offered to use his pickup truck and trailer for the pick-up. Glen and Tim will dig the holes with Township equipment. We will need to organize a group of volunteers to backfill the holes, stake the trees, water, and mulch. There are no time restrictions against reapplying for additional trees in the future.

Penryn Fire Company/Elm Park: Tom and Rodney attended a Joint fire company meeting with the Penryn Fire Company, who currently owns the Penn/ Elm Park at 542 Oak Lane. Penryn casually asked whether Elizabeth Township would be willing to take over the Park.

The Board members discussed what amenities were at the park, who does the maintenance, how often the pavilion is rented, who books it and what is the cost of a rental? It was suggested that the members tour the facility before more discussion takes place.

NOTE: After the meeting I did some research on the park. It sits on 2.5 acres of land with a pavilion with kitchen, water and electricity, playground equipment, a storage shed and “pit toilets”. The Penn elm Lions club sold the property to the Fire company in 2018 for \$104,300.

Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation: (LRCDC) Capital Improvement and Economic Development Grant Fund Application: Loren Miller made available a draft copy to the application request for \$10,000 to be used for dugouts for baseball field number 2 and the cost of improvements to the basketball/pickleball courts. There were questions regarding as to who would do the work and purchase of materials. In the past the Warwick Little League has talked about installing a “press box” at Field #1. There was a discussion about the need for more storm water retention/mitigation would be required.

The application requires that if the grant is received that the work take place between 10/30/2022 and 06/30/2023.

Ron Stief/ bookings and scheduling: Ron reported that there are 6 bookings on the schedule for September.

Warwick Little League has a very full schedule. Lititz Youth Soccer is also heavily booked especially since Lititz Christian school will be joining in on the use of the Fields, due to a lack of restroom facilities at their practice field. The members were not against LYC sharing the fields with Lititz Christian school, but they felt that the board and the

Supervisors should have been included in the discussion. Mike Landis commented that on Ascension Day, there was a conflict with the Amish group using the baseball fields and Warwick Little league such that the Amish group was asked to leave the fields.

The members want to remind all organized sports organizations, that these are “public facilities”. The groups should not feel entitled to exclusive use of the fields and that they must utilize the scheduling process to avoid conflicts. The members requested that Ron have a standing order to yearly schedule Ascension Day and Pentecost for use by the Amish/Mennonite community.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3rd, 2022.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Ken Fillo.