MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on May 23, 2024

Attending: Aaron Rogers, Brad Congelio, Anthony Spero, Nancy Runyon, Christine Shuman, Keith Shuman, and Christina Hafer.

Guests: Michael Meleta, Joshua Meck, Township Supervisor, Jule Rhode.

Aaron Rogers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brad Congelio motioned to approve the April 25, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy Runyon. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL LIST

Christine Shuman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bill List, seconded by Brad Congelio. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Continue the discussion for National Night Out.

The Park & Recreation Board went over what they decided for NNO, including walking tacos and the items for giveaways that were left over from last year. Aaron Rogers said that Frito-Lay will be donating around 400 bags of Doritos. They discussed what would be served with the tacos, using the small bags, and having just salsa with two ounces of meat for each taco bag. They also discussed having water but decided that Redner's would be giving out water. Joshua Meck said NBRPD has signs that can be put in yards for the event.

A motion was made by Nancy Runyon not to exceed $500.00 for National Night Out on August 6, 2024, for food and giveaways. Brad Congelio seconded the motion, all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Continue the discussion for park events for 2024 & 2025.

The Park & Recreation Board discussed using Andrew Maier Elementary School for movie night and Aaron Rogers will reach out to the school to find out more information. They also talked about purchasing a screen and projector and renting a popcorn machine. Joshua Meck asked if anyone reached out to Aaron Rogers for the car show and said he knows the clientele and the P&R Board continued the discussion including coordinating with them.

Nancy Runyon talked about having trivia in the park with a gift card for prizes. Joshua Meck said you would have to get a small game license for prizes because there are rules. They also discussed community days for 2025/2026 having food trucks, vendors, and different types of water fun. Aaron Rogers said they would have to schedule the egg hunt around the other egg hunts in the area. They also discussed having a flea market considering having it at the Ontelaunee Heights Park walking trail. Joshua Meck said we have to have rules for the flea market so the road crew isn't picking up trash left from the events. They discussed what to charge for a table to draw serious people to rent a spot and parking. The P&R Board agreed to

have the flea market in October 2024 and will choose dates by November for the next year's Township calendar.

Update on park benches for donations.
Anthony Spero asked that the benches be the same throughout all the parks in the Township and wanted to know the cost of them. The Park & Recreation Board decided to table the benches.

Update on Pickleball Courts
Aaron Rogers said the Pickleball Courts are officially open, and there was a donation from Kim and Mike Fella. They asked for a thank you letter to be sent to them for the donation to the Pickleball Courts. They discussed a sign with the rules including hours, first come first served basis, limit matches to 60 minutes, courts may not be reserved, courts cannot be held, courts open to all skill levels, remaining off the courts until it's your turn to play, wait for others to exit, children must be supervised, no sitting, swinging or climbing on nets, no pets on the court, courts are for Pickleball only, food and drinks prohibited on the courts and no music. Joshua Meck said he saw someone walk across the Pickleball Courts at the baseball tournament with cleats and it pulled spots up. They also discussed some lighting, the cameras and other issues that have happened at the Community Park and the police can enforce the rules. Joshua Meck said he was in contact with a Pickleball supplier to sponsor the fence putting shade, and picnic tables with umbrellas. The P&R Board also discussed having squeegees there to remove the water from the courts when it rains. Joshua Meck would like Tyler Quillman to make sure supplies are in the bathrooms. He also discussed the "Team Reach App" saying it is separate from Maidencreek Township and it is not required to go on the app to use the Pickleball Court. He also said that it is a good idea to keep organized with specific times with the app for serious players but the Township will not take reservations for the courts. They also discussed lessons or clinics held for residents to learn the game and certified trainers and insurance if being paid. Aaron Rogers said we should include clinics on the agenda for the June meeting. Joshua Meck said we would like to have a "Grand Opening" when everything is finished, in August.

A motion was made by Brad Congelio to purchase a Pickleball rules sign seconded by Nancy Runyon. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Continue Planning & Discussing remarks from the BOS regarding the All-Inclusive Playground.
Joshua Meck said he still likes the idea of putting the playground in a quieter place like Ontelaunee Heights but the parking and bathrooms would be an issue. He said it has been discussed that putting the playground at the Maidencreek Township Authority wells 6 & 7 due to it being around 20 acres of land and would coordinate with them. Mr. Meck explained all the other projects and the costs that are associated with what is allocated for the bond. He said that he would like the Park & Recreation Board to be self-sustainable for the projects they have by generating their own money. They continued the discussion on the location of the park, the grants, and the submission for the park. The Berks County Planning Commission donated $25,000.00. They also discussed sending donation letters out next year to businesses in the area.

A motion was made by Nancy Runyon for the location of the All-Inclusive Playground to be put on the Board of Supervisors agenda. Brad Congelio seconded the motion, all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the possibility of allowing alcohol consumption during private events held at the two pavilions at an additional cost.

Aaron Rogers said other Townships allow alcohol at their park pavilion for an extra fee. The P&R Board discussed permits, potential problems that could arise, and the liability the Township might have. The P&R Board decided against alcohol consumption during the private events held at the two pavilions.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the Park & Recreation Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brad Congelio to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Runyon, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer, Township Secretary