MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on August 29, 2024

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

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller (Fire Chief), Michael Meleta, Cathy Schwab, and David Schwab.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christine Shuman motioned to approve the June 27, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy Runyon. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL LIST

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fire Chief, Dan Miller announced to everyone that Safe Halloween will be on October 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The P&R Board said they will have a table set up for this event.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Flea Market.

Aaron Rogers reported there are around 15 people who signed up, and 5 have paid. He talked about signs to put on Township roads which cost about $8.00 a sign and can be reusable will speak to a contact in the Township for better pricing. The P&R Board discussed handing out flyers to businesses in the area. Aaron Rogers said he would be there Friday night to mark the spots and Saturday morning to set up a table to verify everyone. Nancy Runyon said she has hotdogs and Aaron Rogers said he will go to Pepperidge Farm for snacks and refreshments.

Update on National Night Out new date.

Aaron Rogers reminded everyone that the National Night Out is rescheduled for September 24, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Reading Fair Grounds. He secured the taco meat, the chips are at the Township building, and on the day of the event he will purchase the cheese and salsa. Keith Shuman said they have the giveaways here at the Township building for the event.

Update on Movie Night.

Tabled until September meeting.

Discuss pricing for Park Benches for donations.

Keith Shuman asked for more direction on what the P&R Board wants. They discussed the pricing to be no more than $500.00, preferably recycled plastic benches.

Mr. Shuman and the P&R Board discussed where the play structure is to be placed at Ontelaunee Heights and Keith explained to the P&R Board how he found the play structure.

Discuss the removal of mesh lining by the Pickleball Court.
David Schwab stated he had removed the mesh lining by the Pickleball Court for the road crew.

Michael Meleta explained that he ran clinics for the Pickleball Court for three nights and it was successful having around 68 people attend. He is asking the Township if he can start running clinics to train individuals, couples, and families interested in learning the sport and would like to charge $20 a session. He asked if the P&R Board would talk to the manager about his intentions for the clinics with 4-week sessions.

Mr. Meleta mentioned the fence around the Pickleball Court, saying he sent a sketch to Josh Meck and discussed fundraisers to help with donations. He also brought up painting on the wall near the Pickleball Court, suggesting having the Fleetwood High School Art Department do the artwork and the P&R Board discussed approval of what was to be painted on the wall.

Mr. Schwab asked about the trash cans being placed near the Pickleball Court, saying he would help. Mr. Shuman said the receptacles are here at the Township building and the road crew has not had a chance to place them at the park. Keith also said the sign for Pickleball Court rules is here and also needs to be placed at the park.

NEW BUSINESS

Interview Park & Recreation candidates.
Aaron Rogers spoke with one of the candidates and the P&R Board will make a recommendation on September 12th at the Board of Supervisors meeting on who will be chosen.

Discuss the 501C3 nonprofit for Parks & Recreation.
Aaron Rogers spoke with the Friends of Fleetwood Parks which is a nonprofit organization that coordinates the events at Fleetwood Park. He received information from them and the Fleetwood Borough manager about how to get started, the costs involved in starting it up, and the continued costs every year. Aaron Rogers read a statement from the Friends of Fleetwood Parks explaining what it involved, including attorneys, insurance reps, and federal and state organizations that certify. The first step is to get a core group of people together to discuss goals and determine what fundraisers look like, including the effort required and the cost estimates which could be between $3000.00 and $5000.00 to get started not including attorney fees. The P&R Board discussed getting a group together who would be interested and come to the next meeting.

Discuss 2025 Adult Field Day.
Someone posted on the Community Facebook page interested in having an Adult Field Day event which generated a buzz so the P&R Board decided to put it on the agenda. Keith Shuman had suggestions for the event including a run through the developments, teams for basketball, and tug of war. They also discussed having food and how to get the community involved.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Anthony Spero announced he will be resigning from the Park & Recreation Board effective tonight, and this was his last meeting. He will send a formal letter to the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anthony Spero to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Runyon, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer, Recording Secretary