MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on October 24, 2024

Attending: Aaron Rogers, Nancy Runyon, Christine Shuman, Marcus Shellenberger, Raquel Bonilla, and Christina Hafer (Recording Secretary).

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Michael Meleta, Christine Brown, Marsha Ney, Connie Cammarano, and Joe Cammarano.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christine Shuman motioned to approve the September 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christine Brown, representing Fleetwood Area Community Organizations, explained how they become an organization and a non-profit and would like Maidencreek Township to participate.

KEITH SHUMAN – PUBLIC WORKS

Keith Shuman discussed with the Park and Recreation Board the colors of the benches to be purchased and they decided on the gray. They will keep one bench in stock for when someone would like to donate a bench with a plaque. Aaron Rogers said they will add the benches to the budget for next year. Park and Recreation Board discussed adjusting the trail at Cornerstone when the new bridge is in place.

Mr. Shuman discussed with the Park and Recreation Board about planting sunflowers and wildflowers at wells 6 and 7. Julie Dietrich spoke about where they would like to plant the flowers and said she spoke with the Water Authority and they were on board. She explained different beneficial flower seed mixes, sunflowers, a small walkway, size, the costs for the project, and starting mid to late May.

POLLINATOR GARDEN

Aaron Rogers said they will meet with Berks Nature on Friday, October 25th at 2:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Adult Field Day.

Aaron Rogers stated the Park and Recreation Board needs to set a date in January for the event and then start advertising a list of events. Christine Shuman will speak with Tiny Thinkers about having crafts for the kids that day.

Flea Market in the Park Results.
Aaron Rogers said the Flea Market was a success with 21 people signed up and making $450.00 with $150.00 from the Concession Stand sales. They discussed doing two flea market events next year coinciding with the community yard sales. He also talked about having a craft vendor show.

Discuss and take action on uniform park benches.
A motion was made by Nancy Runyon recommending to the Board of Supervisors the purchase of a Belmont bench for $588.85, seconded by Christine Shuman. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Discuss and take action on shirts for the Park and Recreation Board.
Christine Shuman went over the cost of the three different companies for the purchase of Park and Recreation Board shirts and will include it in the budget for next year.

Movie Night update.
No update at this time.

Discuss Safe Halloween Night on October 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm.
Aaron Rogers said the candy was ready and he thanked Keith and the road crew for their help. Keith will help set up at 5:30 pm and Aaron, Christine, Nancy, and Marcus will be there also.

Mike Meleta asked about storage for the pickleball and they would take care of adding a door. He asked how long the restrooms would be open. Keith said the date has not been determined and will keep them open until it gets too cold. Mr. Meleta said the clinics have been successful and would like to continue next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss hosting a Township Christmas Decoration Contest.
Aaron Rogers said residents can submit photos of their outside decorations and they could vote on FaceBook and the winner will be posted on the Township website. They spoke about continuing next year and adding Halloween.

Discuss and recommend projects to be included in the 2025 budget.
Aaron Rogers stated the Park and Recreation Board will select a park to make improvements and resurface basketball courts at the Blandon Fire Company. They discussed a zipline at Cornerstone, upgrading the basketball courts, LED lights for that ballfield at Blandon Fire Company, and changing the pole out to finish the project. Aaron Rogers will present with pictures at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Discuss planning the Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan.
Aaron Rogers said it's been about 4 years since the Park and Recreation Board had a 5-year plan that will focus on 2026 to 2030. They discussed getting more information on the trails with maps with estimated distances.

Discuss Trinity BFC Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
Tim Mills asked the Park and Recreation Board if they would participate in the event. They discussed getting more candy.

A motion was made by Nancy Runyon to purchase candy for the Trinity BFC Truck or Treat on October 30, 2024, not to exceed $125.00, seconded by Christine Shuman. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSION
Aaron Rogers will make a presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting in January 2025.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nancy Runyon to adjourn, seconded by Marcus Shellenberger, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer, Recording Secretary