MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on January 23, 2025

Attending: Aaron Rogers, Nancy Runyon, Christine Shuman, Marcus Shellenberger, Raquel Bonilla, Pamela Stevens, (Systems Design Engineering), Diane Hollenbach (Manager), and Christina Hafer (Recording Secretary).

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

Aaron Rogers opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. for reorganization.

Marcus Shellenberger motioned to appoint Aaron Roger as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board seconded by Nancy Runyon. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Christine Shuman motioned to appoint Nancy Runyon as Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Board seconded by Marcus Shellenberger. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Aaron Rogers called to order the regular Park and Recreation meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy Runyon motioned to approve the October 24, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Marcus Shellenberger. 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 - None

OLD BUSINESS

Berks Nature Community Park Comprehensive Plan Presentation.

Larry Lloyd and his team from Berks Nature presented the draft plan with three parts for the Community Park. The team described a map portioned into sections and made recommendations to reduce mowing by adding native trees and vegetation and eliminating invasive species. Maintaining the area, stormwater management, signage, and grant funding from Berks County Planning Commission was also discussed. Aaron Rogers said the Park and Recreation Board would discuss the plans, apply for grants and thanked Berks Nature for attending the meeting.

All-Inclusive Play Park Presentation -Kompan.

Mike Doyle gave a history of Kompan, proposed options for all-inclusive play, and asked what the community would enjoy and solutions for special play participation. The materials used are sustainable to cut back on the carbon footprint. Quakertown Borough was shown as an example of a Kompan all-inclusive playground and other design options based on costs. They will work

with a third party or internal team for installation. The Park and Recreation Board discussed the grants and costs of the options and thanked Mr. Doyle for attending the meeting.

Pollinator Garden -grant information.
Connie Cammerano discussed a grant with the Park and Recreation Board and shared it with them.

Park & Recreation uniform order.
Nancy Runyon motioned to purchase Park and Recreation shirts not to exceed $600.00, seconded by Christine Shuman. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Discuss the results of the Christmas Decorating Contest and discuss future contests.
The Grinch House on Spirit Court was the winner of the contest. For future contests, the Park and Recreation Board decided to include Halloween and continue with Christmas. They will not ask for addresses going forward and will add a prize for the winner.

KEITH SHUMAN – PUBLIC WORKS

The Park and Recreation Board discussed having a small storage shed for the pickleball court, Keith Shuman will look into pricing for the shed and the Blandon Ballfield lights. Mike Meleta said he would discuss the fence with Joshua Meck.

NEW BUSINESS

Set dates for the Craft Show and Flea Market for April. Discuss the concession menu.
The Park and Recreation Board set the date as May 3, 2025, with a rain date set as May 10, 2025, and agreed to have hot dogs again. The menu discussion will continue closer to the date.

Set date for Adult Field Day.
June 21, 2025, is set for the Park and Recreation Adult Field Day event.

Cornerstone Drive park enhancements. Discussion on a zipline, benches, picnic tables, and retractable Pickleball fence and play structures maintenance.
The Park and Recreation Board selected replacement benches and picnic tables, moving them closer to the hockey rink. They also discussed a retractable pickleball fence for the court and putting a zipline at the Cornerstone Drive park. Keith Shuman said the price of the benches has increased and suggested they order them all at the same time. This will be tabled at this time.

Request events to be added to the Township Newsletter with dates.
The Park and Recreation Board requested the events to be added to the Township Newsletter that will go out in March and Diane Hollenbach agreed. Mike Meleta would like the pickleball clinics to be put in the Newsletter too.

Park and Recreation 5-year plan discussion.
Aaron Rogers said it has been 10 years since the last 5-year plan, and explained how it works and past plans implemented. The plan should be for 2026 to 2031 and the Park and Recreation Board could work on it throughout this year. The comprehensive plan is something that they would like to look into in the future.

The Park and Recreation Board discussed with Diane Hollenbach about the All-Inclusive playground to be at the Maidencreek Water Authority well site on Route 73/Main Street in Blandon and she and Joshua Meck will discuss this with the MTA further. The P&R Board will have the full plan for the March meeting for the grant due April 2, 2025.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nancy Runyon to adjourn, seconded by Christine Shuman, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer, Recording Secretary