MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Regular Meeting on February 27, 2025

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

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Jim Nothwehr and Connie Cammarano.

Aaron Rogers called to order the regular Park and Recreation meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christine Shuman motioned to approve the January 23, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy Runyon. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Aaron Rogers stated the tee-shirts arrived for the Park and Recreation Board and the cost was less than expected.

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

Jim Nothwehr introduced himself to the Park and Recreation Board. He stated he takes his grandchildren to the Community Park and asked about having some equipment for toddlers. The P&R Board discussed with Mr. Nothwehr ideas like swings for toddlers and said they are working on adding to the parks and thanked him.

OLD BUSINESS

Berks Nature Community Park Comprehensive Plan Presentation.

Aaron Rogers stated that 25 trees were purchased and will be planted in spring. Keith Shuman said they will try in March to remove the invasive species before planting the trees. They would like to purchase another 25 trees for the fall. Diane Hollenbach is working with the Berks County Planning Commission for a donation. The P&R Board also discussed stewardship of the parks and educational signage. Connie Cammerano asked if there was anything about planting at the edge of the creek. Aaron Rogers said it is planned for the fall of 2026 in 2027. The Maidencreek Watershed Association is willing to take care of the trees.

Discuss splitting up the Craft Show and Flea Market at residents' request.

Several residents would prefer the Craft Show and Flea Market to be split. The P&R Board discussed the issue and decided to keep the events on the same day to see how the event would work out. They will have the Craft Show under the pavilion and the Flea Market will be in the fields. They will have hot dogs and snacks at the concession too. They will wrap up the details at the April meeting.

Discuss new benches and picnic table alternatives.

Keith Shuman and Aaron Rogers stated they will continue to look for a reasonable price for the benches.

Adult Field Day
The Park & Recreation Board discussed seeing if there is an interest in the Adult Field Day before planning the event.

The P&R Board also discussed the 250th anniversary of Independence Day next year and the P&R Board will focus on planning the event.

Movie Night
Nancy Runyon stated they could have a Movie Night event at the Maidencreek Church. The P&R Board discussed how many people, the cleanup, the street crossing, and the date and time for the event.

NEW BUSINESS
Request new soccer nets for the Community Park.
Keith Shuman said the Fleetwood Youth Soccer Club will be using the fields and will bring their nets.

Veterans Memorial at Community Park.
Keith Shuman stated the Board of Supervisors is interested in refocusing on the Veterans Memorial for the Community Park. The Board suggested bricks with names on them and the area designated. Aaron Rogers said the P&R Board will research other Veterans Memorial for the next meeting.

Aaron Rogers said the Cleanup at the Parks will be on April 22nd at 4 pm. He said anyone who volunteers would receive a Maidencreek shirt. The Park & Recreation Board discussed the course of action and what they will need for the cleanup event.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer, Recording Secretary