

Park & Recreation Board & Trail Committee

1/23/2019 @ 7:00 pm Meeting Agenda

Attendees: Tom Marino, Cindy Rosson, Keith Robinson, Tim Arnold, Rich Staudenmaier

1. Reorganization Meeting:
 - a. Tom Marino calls meeting to order
 - b. Cindy makes a motion to appoint Tom Marino as temporary chairperson, 2nd by Keith. All in favor.
 - c. Gregg nominates Tom Marino, 2nd by Cindy for Committee Chairman. Tom accepts. All in favor
 - d. Tom nominates Gregg Pambianco. 2nd by Cindy. Gregg accepts. All in favor.
 - e. Gregg makes motion to adjourn reorganization meeting. 2nd by Tom. All in favor

2. Tom calls meeting to order at 7:10pm
 - a. Gregg motions to approve the minutes October 24th 2018. Cindy 2nd. All in favor
 - b. Discuss what size board we need to be to be able to vote on items. Possibly reduce size to have a quorum.

3. Great Blue Heron Park
 - a. Security Cameras – WiFi is the issue before anything can be installed
 - b. Gates – Going to explore Veterans park first. Board would like this to be on the supervisor’s radar.
 - c. Bathrooms – Port-a-potty to be installed in the spring
 - d. Tree planting – Mowed down, Tim to research
 - e. Look at adding the original planned walking trail, maybe grants? (see AMC trail extension map)
 - f. Tollgate Landing Trail Gap-begin Feasibility completed. HOA approved in Dec. moving into design phase. AMC is applying for a grant to get project funding. Construction will be another vote by the HOA when the design is approved. Milford is going to take up looking at the connection part from Trumbauersville Elementary

4. Veterans Park
 - a. Natural surface hiking trail extension – Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant. Trails have been marked and mapped out. Trail will be 100% natural and no fill or materials brought in. There are wet areas and AMC trail crews are using fallen logs to improve. Path will be cleared to be 4’ wide x 6’ high. (see map)
 - b. Native Plant Garden and kiosk: (see attached)

5. Rail Trail Update
 - a. Anticipate a groundbreaking this summer but no official ribbon cutting to open the trail until Spring/Early-Summer of 2020.
 - b. Discussion of a potential advisor board. Tom to contact Pete about possibly extending SRT Advisor Board to cover the new trail. Otherwise possibly start a board with Springfield Township & Quakertown.

6. Liberty Bell Trail
 - a. Feasibility study underway. Had an alignment meeting. Group showed up from Morgan Creek with concerns. Study so far is recommending alignment along Station Rd and Old Bethlehem pike. Recommended they look at using “Station Rd Park”

7. Robert Keller Park / Nature Trail at Township building

- a. BSA project approved, installing 15-20 nature stations that will be QR codes. May want to add a link to township website
 - b. Pickle Ball Courts and long-term maintenance.
8. Bird Town
 - a. Native plant list created will be submitted to Township manager by Keith
 - b. Contact with Audubon has been changed
9. Edgewater development open space/trail/pond. (Maybe propose a name?)
10. Quakertown Area (Richland Township / Quakertown) one of 4 selected areas in PA to focus on "Nature Based Assets"
11. 2019 Activity Schedule and Dates
 - a. Iron Pigs 7/7/2019 or 7/28/2019 (25 tickets)
 - b. Movie Night (2nd Friday of each month)
 - i. June 14th
 - ii. July
 - iii. August
 - c. Bike Rodeo :: TBD
 - d. Trail Clean Up :: On-Hold
 - e. Road Clean Up :: TBD
 - f. Community Day :: 9/21/2019
12. Keith motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Rich 2nd. All in favor