

Forest City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes for Advisory Board Meeting – February 13, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Forest City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held on February 13th, 2020 in the Forest City Borough Building's 2nd Floor Council Chambers.

Kathy Kernoschak called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Advisory board members present were as follows: Kathy Kernoschak, Brett Pelick, Dominique Jonas, Richard Priebe, Nikki Wagner, Kurt Howells, and Council Committee Chair, Tracey Lazier.

Also in attendance: Chris Degonzague, Forest City Council President Pro-tem; Lee Rowan, Chief of FCPD; Barb Mihelc; Jimmy Richards; Nick Cost, Forest City Council President

Procedures:

Niki Wagner, Financial Secretary, read the financial report

Old Business

PPL tree order – to be delivered April 2020; ask DPW about tree distribution; trees will be delivered to Borough garage

Ice Fishing Derby – canceled due to ice conditions

Playground Equipment – books so far have order numbers, but no prices; we have some prices: swings; look into adding a handicap-accessible swing to Kennedy Park. Nikki will make contact for more prices.

Aluminum paint a possibility for swing structure/base

Kristian and Rick continue to look at grants.

Suggestion box – not much feedback at the park; maybe we can place them in some local businesses...

Shawnee Tabernacle – investigate

Green Space at Center Street Park – discussion; need more info

New Business

Tracey is now our Council Representative; excited to work with the group and get things done for the community and parks

Pavilion at Kennedy Park is roped off—currently unsafe; needs new beams – Borough Council will handle; maybe a second pavilion or extension someday?

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 5th at 1 pm. Sponsored by Zazzera's.

Nikki Wagner makes a motion; Kurt Howells seconds. All in favor.

Discussion: Tracey will contact the Forest City News to look for plastic egg donations. Concession stand should be open.

Possible kielbasa festival at Kennedy Park.

Farmers' Market – shared possible “prospective vendor letter” and “Vendor Application.” Possibility of a reservation fee (\$20), with half back for attending the event; only a deposit to be returned at event? In agreement that we should do the market—once a month, May through October; possibly end with a pumpkin regatta with music—will continue to discuss the details.

Chicken BBQ – Memorial Day weekend; have to double-check date. Don't want to double-book. We need to research the dates.

Open Discussion

Tracey - Purse BINGO – maybe every other year

“Friends of Kennedy Park” organization? 501c3 could co-sponsor for BINGO, Casino Night, Night at the Races, etc.

Big Ball Tournament (Carbondale's is Labor Day weekend) – Brett Pelick will look into the event

A motion was made by Brett Pelick to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Richard Priebe. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.