# Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Dave Steidler, Jessicka Jarvis, Teresa Adams, Grace Franks, Kat Metzger

Members Absent: Sharon Blouch, Christine Steidler, Kat Metzger Public Present: Charlie Dove, Matthew Zurko, Marina Zurko

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dave Steidler called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**Pledge and Prayer:** Pledge was led by David Steidler, prayer by Teresa Adams.

## Approval of minutes:

**June 12, 2024** minutes were accepted and approved as amended with correction of Vice-Chairperson Jarvis first name. **Motion was made by** Vice-chairperson Jess Jarvis.

Second by Board member Grace Franks.

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Matthew Zurko and Marina Zurko introduced themselves to the Board. There were no other comments.

**Recreation Report:** Secretary Adams reported that she attended National Night Out, also in attendance were Board Members Katt Metzger and Grace Franks. Secretary Adams said she talked with several people about the park project and the park location and received favorable feedback from those she spoke with.

**Park Report:** The Board discussed the Walking Trail cleanup scheduled to be completed Saturday, September 14, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until noon. Resident Charlie Dove said he secured lawn and leaf size trash bags to be used. Secretary Adams said she would contact Royal Rangers and try to have Board member Metzger or FOP Treasurer, Dave Albert reach out to scouts to get volunteers to assist with the cleanup.

**Friends of the Park Report: Including Fund Raising Events and donations raised:** Board member Kat Metzger was absent from the meeting and no report was given.

**Funding Report: Grant money/Matches, Outside Donations:** Secretary Adams said no new match money has been received and waiting on donation letter from ReddUp/Kyle Adams. No Council Treasurers report was received from the Borough Secretary. Secretary Adams reported that a meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 23 with Engineer Brath and Borough Secretary Taylor to begin searching the Costars and Keystone Planning Network for contractors to complete the work for the park project that was placed for bid earlier this year.

#### **New Business:**

**Halloween / Trick Treat Night:** Discussion ensued on passing out candy same as last year but possibly having a haunted or spooky house and/or driveway around the Borough office for 2024. The discussion included where to have a haunted/spooky house, either in the meeting room or the pavilion at the rear of the Borough office. Mr. Zurko said he had decorations the Board could use as well as he was willing to dress up for the event.

**Christmas Event:** The Board discussed a few options for a Christmas event;

- 1) A live nativity with Chairman Steidler donating the use of the livestock;
- 2) Coordinating with Wellsville Fire Company "Santa Engine" and hand out hot chocolate. The Board discussed getting dates from Wellsville for Santa's arrival in Franklintown.

**Fall/Winter Newsletter:** Discussion ensued to follow up with a second newsletter to keep the residents updated on Borough events/activities. It was discussed to have the newsletter ready to mail with 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter water bills.

### **Old Business:**

**DCNR Project Update:** Current project dates have been moved back due to unavailability of resources.

**Review P&R Committee ordinance:** The Board did not resume review of the sample ordinance. In an effort to complete the proposed ordinance for recommendation to Borough Council by December 2024, Board member Franks suggested we keep moving forward with the proposed ordinance review via email. Board member Franks said she would be willing to send an email once a week with sections of the ordinance for the Board to review and comment on changes to the sections emailed.

Report to Borough Council: Secretary Adams said she reported on the following items to Council:

- > July P&R meeting cancelled due to no quorum available.
- National Night Out P&R Board was represented at the event. A table with park plans and play equipment was displayed.
- Match money donation receipt- waiting on letter from Redd Up/Kyle Adams.

## Adjournment:

**Motion was made by** Vice-chairperson Jarvis **Second by** Board member Franks Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Adams

**P&R Committee Secretary**