

WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

The Wheatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board met on January 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: John Weldon, Dave Mills, Jim Fuller, Shawn Fuller and Phyllis Krieger, also present was Barry Schrope, Jeff Smith, Amanda Tolbit-Smith, Sue Flickinger, and Dexter Potter.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Dave Mills made a motion for the following officers: John Weldon Chairman, Dave Mills Vice Chairman and Phyllis Krieger Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by Shawn Fuller. Motion approved by all present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Phyllis Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Dave Mills. Motion approved by all present.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account	\$ 18,843.13
Savings Account	<u>\$ 12,588.07</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 31,431.20

Shawn Fuller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Dave Mills. Motion approved by all present

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Shawn Fuller made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded by John Weldon. Motion approved by all present.

Regular maintenance:

1. Trim Brush on the hiking trails.
2. Pressure wash tractor, gator, mower, inside of restrooms.
3. Seal the handicapped fishing deck and benches.
4. Trim Grass at the walking bridge.
5. Clean cobwebs from front of buildings.
6. Spray weeds on ball fields.

Old projects to be done.

1. Re-Blaze the trail markers and property boundaries.
2. Cut ground level down from large dumpster to bridge (left side of railroad).
3. Purchase top soil to fill in the area around the pavilion and playground.
4. Purchase and install new playground equipment (this means expanding the playground area)
5. Clear a trail from the loop trail down to the west end of the Paradise Road Bridge.
6. Grade area on field #1 outfield so water can run to the creek.
7. Repaint lines for parking spaces.
8. Haul top soil from Union Cemetery in Duncannon. (Done but may need more)
9. See that sign out sheet for zero turn mower is completed and the oil is checked and air filters cleaned before use

REMARKS FROM VISITORS:

Barry discussed about billing for paving again and asked to clarify billing of stones. John explained he paid for half of the stones. John added total paving done and deducted what was approved in the bid package and will reimburse the park for the extra paving done totaling \$4,311.

Phyllis mentioned about the rec board picking up the extra since the park is better off and all the time John puts in at the park, John does not want that and will pay the extra.

Jim mentioned that the supervisors should have been checking on progress better and going forward they will do better.

Barry also stated that outside mailboxes at nearby post offices are being stolen from for checks that may be in there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Work to be done:

- Handicap sign needs fixed**
- Fishing deck needs sealed**
- Hydro spray front of building**
- Gaga pit needs to be sealed.**
- Repaint parking lines by building**

Location of dumpster was discussed, John thought it should go on the far corner of the parking lot, after some discussion, they will look Wednesday to determine the best place for access for the garbage truck with less damage to the parking lot when it gets paved.

Dave would like to purchase trees for along snack bar and along Narrows Rs, John and Dave will look at park. Shawn thinks roots will be a problem.

Suggested fields be named after long time park volunteers for all their years of dedication, Foltz, Weldon and Mills. On motion of Shawn Fuller and agreed upon by Jim Fuller, there will be more discussion on this at the beginning of the year. More of the history of volunteers should be discussed further.

After DCNR inspection the following still needs to be completed on the bridge project per DCNR letter:

***The Contact between the bridge and existing trail is not graded for ADA compliance, need to grade transition between new bridge and prior existing trail.**

***Grade of transition meets top of staircase to eliminate a tripping hazard.**

Jeff sent pictures and hasn't heard back yet.

Park guidelines from supervisors were discussed, no decision has been made by supervisor:

***The supervisors would like to hold all the money in the rec boards accounts (all but \$7000) in a separate account so the rec board would have to ask them for funds as needed over the \$7000.**

***Treasurer is also to send bill list to supervisors showing, date, check # and amount paid. They would also like copies of the checks.**

***They would also like to hear updates at their regular monthly meetings. Dave said he could update the supervisors; Phyllis will give Dave update information for the meetings if needed.**

Barry states they will discuss and vote on at next meeting. Possibly talk about putting some of the funds in a CD to get a better interest rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Someone stuffed garbage in the garbage can at the park, They found a name on some paperwork, Ron Strickler, and sent a letter, they have not heard back.

Shawn asked about the torn-up grass, someone from Miller’s township did that getting stuck, they will fix in the spring.

John:

Soda machine was emptied and unplugged.

John stated he is stepping down from scheduling the field, no one else volunteered, John said Vicki may have to do it.

Phyllis stated there were 69 pavilion reservations and \$3,418.50 in donations in 2022 and 87 reservations and \$2,280.00 in donations in 2021.

Phyllis spoke to Robin Van Auken from Penn Strategies, we did not get the grant because of the need of the other applicants, such as equipment for EMS. Robin sent information of grants we can apply for and she’d be able to give us guidance, Phyllis will check into.

The next meeting will be February 21st, 7:30 at the township building.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Shawn Fuller seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Krieger, Secretary
cc: Township Supervisors

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Bills	Date	Check #	Amount
Phyllis Krieger (Ink)	1/14/2023	778	\$38.00
PPL (Dec)	01/18/2023	779	\$50.59
USPS	1/19/2023	780	\$24.00