



West Pikeland Township
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

Thursday February 7, 2019

I. Call to Order: **Jodi Sheehan, Erin Grady, Nicole Franck, Charlie Humphries, Nancy Niggel**

II. Persons Wishing to be Heard

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Confirm October and November were emailed and submitted to the township.

IV. Appointments

1. As a group we appointed Judd to be trail advisor and there is an open spot on the board

V. Holiday Stroll

1. This is our first meeting since the stroll want to reiterate how wonderful a job everyone did. The new features were a hit!
2. Stickman's Brew sampling table, the firepit, ornament making with the library and tree lighting really brought the event to a new level. Need to discuss ways to improve next year.
3. The Whitford Hills Garden Club who decorates for HYS offered to decorate the mantle in the studio next year. Additional ideas include more fire pits and sampling and expanding the use of the outdoor space.
4. In the future, not interested in offering free food inside beyond doughnuts and apples and would like to propose that we bring in a food truck or catering from Chick Fil A so attendees can purchase dinner just outside the studio.
5. We absolutely need to secure a few big trash cans and correctly sized trash bags.
6. BOS recommends coordinating police assistance



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VI. Walnut Lane (White Property) & Pine Creek Park (Barn/Palmer House) - Update by Charlie Humphries

1. Walnut Lane Update: First phase should be completed by the end of this summer 2019 - trail network, parking and 2 multi use fields, a flat place for a pavilion.
2. Second phase - need to look for a grant to complete a playscape.
3. Palmer House Update: need people to come to BOS meeting for neighbors to voice their opinions - send emails to BOS from bob and john including Nancy's opinions, make a petition. Note that Astronomy clubs have had interest in using the space.

VII. Park Benches - Purchase and install 4 additional benches by Summer 2019 along Pickering Creek in Pine Creek Park, Pickering Grove and Bridge to Bridge Trail. Need to present to township, the idea of utilizing concrete benches in front of township and replacing them with cast iron ornamental benches. Do we have the time and interest to pursue this and is someone interested in leading this project?

1. Park Benches can be requested but removed from the line item - this would be a good Eagle Scout project - Phil on horseshoe trail or Doreen can link us to troops. Charlie is asking Jonathan to see if he has any contacts.

VIII. Yoga in the Park - Julie Heasley, Sara Greway and Kimberly Brinser will teach Yoga in the Park every Saturday in June from 9-10 at the township Amphitheater. Completed the save the date, flyer and invoice. Is someone willing to contact Jason Smith at Darc 610-269-9260 (contact from R. Bright) to get the flyer in their catalog. Discuss additional ways to boost attendance. Budget: \$240 for each session

1. Yoga every Saturday in June (5 classes) - all will be located at the Township Amphitheater - contacted Jason from DARC to post in their events brochure and ask Jonathan to create an event on the Township Facebook page.

IX. Brainstorm additional events for 2019 –

1. Budget of \$3,500 was approved included Community Egg Hunt, *Bird Walk* (\$300), two Yoga in the Park sessions, *Community Yard Sale* (\$200), *Salute to Summer* (\$500) and Holiday Stroll. Last year we held 4 events. As our budget increased, we need to add a



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new event, service or presentation. Discussed with new Librarian, Nancy Niggel, the idea of joining forces with the library to hold 1-3 summer events. Possible ideas include presentations from Segal Puppet Theater (\$350), Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary (emailed on 2/6 - \$500 for one hour), Jack Hubley Nature Programs, Dawn Kauffman White's Hunters of the Sky (messed on 2/6 - \$225 for 35 min, \$300 for 60 min), Elmwood Zoo on Wheels, Adventure Aquarium, The Amazing Mr. Q (magic, puppets and more), and Eyes of the Wild to name a few. Should we try to survey the community via facebook to gauge interest in the Community Yard Sale?

2. Nancy wants to partner with us for the Summer Reading Program and to also partner on other summer programs. We can go half on 3 programs - the library is doing 2 evening summer programs at 6:30 pm. Programs to think about partnering on: Elmwood Park Zoo on Wheels, Jessie from Forgotten Friends \$500, Yoga story time at pine creek park (summer mornings).

X. Community Egg Hunt - Sat. April 13th, 10am-1pm - Budget: \$600 (increase from \$400)

1. Do we want to book an activity in lieu of Grandpop Bubbles? Face painter cost \$150 for 2 hours. I reached out to Villari's Martial Arts (won't charge but not available 4/13), DJ John and Chester Springs CrossFit. Another idea is Ignite Fitness. Discuss idea of holding egg hunt at Pine Creek Park to utilize playground after hunt. Community engagement and crafts could be set up in pavillion and on grass. We could use Judd's truck to bring eggs and tables over. At park, set up and clean up will be a little more time consuming the day of the event.
2. We need to pick a rain date and assign the following tasks:
 - i. Coordinate with Chester Springs Library - Nancy Niggel nniggel@ccls.org
3. Coordinate with Salt (Bunny Costume) - Lauren McComas lmccomas@saltpa.com
4. Coordinate with Police (meet and greet) - Chief Clark chief@westpikeland.com
5. Coordinate w/ Pickering Valley Farm & Feed (table w bunnies) - 610-363-8810 - Nancy
6. Coordinate with Miss Betty's Camp (Matty Felton - missbettysdaycamp@yahoo.com), Green Valleys Watershed (Dawn White - dwhite@greenvalleys.org), Salt Productions (Lauren McComas - lmccomas@saltpa.com), HYS (Karen Walter - kwalter@yellowsprings.com) & Natural Lands (Debbie Beer - DBeer@natlands.org) - Jodi



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7. Coordinate with Anselma Mill -
8. Create flyer - ____Jodi_____
9. Promote flyer through Township website, FB page and Ready Chesco - ____
Jonathan
10. Promote flyer through FB and post signs & flyers in community - ____ Jodi_____
11. Get coupons (Rita's, Toucan Swirl, Scooped, Wendy's, Wawa, McDonalds) to put in eggs_Jodid
12. Get meal cards from Chick Fil A _Jodi
13. Get *children's* toothbrushes & toothpaste from Dr. Bright - _Jodi_____
14. Submit township letterhead to Giant for gift cards & online submission to WF -
Erin_____
15. Purchase fillers for eggs, additional eggs and bigger prizes - _Jodi_____
16. Fill Eggs and Set Up: Thur 4/11 or Fri 4/12: 6-8pm - Nancy Nigel, Jodi, Nancy, Judd,
Nicole, Erin, Volunteers_____
17. Hide Eggs and Set Up: Sat 4/13: 9-10am - Jodi, Judd, Nancy, Erin, Nicole, Nancy Nigel
& her daughter
18. Run Event and Clean Up: Sat 4/13: 10-11:30am - Erin, Jodi, Nicole, Nancy,

19. Organize start of Egg Hunt at 11am with Police - Jodi_____

XI. Future Events:

1. *Next Meeting: Thurs 3/7 & 4/4 @7:30*
2. *Fill Eggs: Thurs 4/11 or Fri 4/12*
3. *Egg Hunt: Sat 4/13 @ 9:30am*