

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yon at 7:04 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mark Yon, S. Joseph Jablonski, Mary Lasher, Shamus Petrucelli, Matthew DiGirolamo, Mary Lee Mahon, Michael Veltri

Staff: Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA, Township Manager

Manager Jakubec noted procedures for participating in the virtual meeting.

III. VISITORS

A. Luke Wilhelm - Proposed Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Mr. Luke Wilhelm presented a proposal to build chimney swift nesting towers as his Eagle Scout project. The Parks and Recreation Commission suggested Mr. Wilhelm work out the details with Public Service Superintendent Loren Kephart.

B. Jeffrey Curry, Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer Association - Proposal for Boyd Soccer Field

In Mr. Jeffrey Curry's absence, Manager Jakubec presented the proposal to the Commission which includes updates and maintenance of the Boyd Soccer Field, as well as a monetary contribution. In exchange, the Soccer Association requests continued use of the soccer field, as has been past practice. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the proposal be presented to Township Council for consideration.

C. Tom Powers – Presentation of Proposed O'Hara Township Community Park Historic Signs

Mr. Tom Powers, Township Historian, presented the proposed Historic Signs to be placed in O'Hara Township Community Park. He noted the signs were fact-checked by Dr. Joe Stahlman, Director of the Seneca Iroquois National Museum and the Heinz History Center.

The Parks and Recreation Commission thanked Mr. Powers and Dr. Stahlman for their work on the signs. The Commission also recommended to Council that the signs be approved for installation at the Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission suggested monetary contributions for the Seneca Iroquois National Museum and the Heinz History Center for their assistance with the historic signs.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continued Review of Township Parks Rules and Regulations

Discussion continued with regard to the use of tobacco products and vapor cigarette products in Township Parks. The consensus of the Parks and Recreation Commission was to recommend to Council that the Park Rules and Regulations be amended to prohibit the use of all tobacco products and vapor cigarette products in all Township parks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. MINUTES

A. January 27, 2021

Motion by Ms. Lasher to approve the subject minutes as presented was seconded by Mr. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. COMMENTS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

None.

X. STAFF CONCERNS

The Manager stated staff continues to monitor the number of COVID-19 cases, which is on the rise. The current plan is for the restrooms to remain closed to the public and the shelters and gazebo would not be rented until the number of cases decreases so not to jeopardize staff's health.

Manager Jakubec indicated new plants would be planted along the Edible Trail at Woodland Park and the Rami Butterfly Nature Preserve in Crofton Park.

The Manager noted no new play equipment would be installed in any of the parks this year, since equipment purchased last year was just installed in parks due to the pandemic.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Veltri to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ms. Mahon and carried unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

Attachment: Attendees List