

Manheim Township Parks & Recreation Board

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

- I. The meeting of the Manheim Township Parks and Recreation Board was held in the Blue Room of the Stauffer Mansion on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Chairman Bohan called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. In addition to Chairman Bohan, board members present were Boufford, Keene, Kreiner, and Smith. Mr. Ziegler was not in attendance. Also present was Recreation & Park Planning Director Margie Earnest and Commissioner O'Brien. Guests included: Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes and Mr. Kent Holmes, 109 Village Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Chairman Bohan stated that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.
- II. **Review and Approval of Parks & Recreation Board Meeting May 1, 2018 Minutes** – Mr. Smith made the motion to accept the May 1, 2018 Minutes as written. Ms. Kreiner seconded the motion. The motion was then approved unanimously.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Director Earnest reported on the status of the completion of 2018 Capital projects. Director Earnest reported that the restroom has been completed as well as the grading around it. Director Earnest also reported that we are in the process of the renovation of the Rotary pavilion at Community Park, interior upgrades are complete at the nature preschool site, the new cover for Skyline Pool has been tested, the remaining outdoor parking lot lights at OAC have been converted to LED, the bathhouse and concession area roofs at Overlook Pool have been reroofed, Lifeguards are still needed for the season. In addition, the playground equipment for MTAC and Municipal Park has been ordered, equipment will be added to the child play area inside the fence at Overlook Pool. The 2018 Capital budget process will begin soon. Chairman Bohan shared a recent 60 Minutes episode regarding the evolution of childrens' playgrounds. Director Earnest reported that our Nature Preschool will be evaluated by PA Department of Education on 6/15. Director Earnest also reported that the outside "centers" (nature play areas) will be worked on over the summer months
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Facilities Maintenance** – Vice-Chairman Keene reported that the monthly maintenance report was enclosed.
 - B. **Facilities Coordination** – Mr. Boufford stated that the MT Celebration will be discussed later in the meeting (VIII. Discussion, A. Old Business, 1. Celebrate MT Event).
 - C. **Program** – Director Earnest shared that the Fall Activities edition is in the planning stages with information due by June 25.
 - D. **Youth Sports** – Chairman Bohan shared that he thinks that there is a lot of miscommunication within the community regarding MT Soccer and their exodus to moving field usage to the F & M fields. Chairman Bohan asked Director Earnest what actually transpired. Director Earnest shared that the Township field use fee is \$15/hr. and F & M's fees are potentially higher than that. Director Earnest stated that MT Soccer informed the Township that they were moving and we helped them move their equipment. Director Earnest stated that she thinks they will return. Chairman Bohan stated that MT Youth Sports groups are our first priority in field rental.
- V. **Director's Report** – The Director's Report was enclosed within the package. There are 66 garden plots that have been rented to date. Vice-Chairman Keene shared that pavilion reservations are currently at 214 (as compared to 265 in 2017). Director Earnest explained that the possible reason for the reduced number of rentals is that there is an increased number of renters that are renting the whole day (8AM-2PM and 3-10PM) vs. half day. Entire day rentals are written up on one form. Director Earnest reported that the 7v7 tournament was cancelled.
- VI. **Liaison Reports**
 - A. **Commissioner's Report** – No report.

Chairman Bohan
 - B. **School Board Report** – Mr. Smith reported on the last meeting's agenda items. Budget approvals, new playground equipment at Neff, resurfacing parking areas at Nitrauer, roof coatings at Reidenbaugh, grandstand railings, resolution established policies and procedures for Tax Collector, textbook approvals Public Budget presentation meeting 6/14/18 at 6:30 PM.

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VI. Liaison Reports (Continued)

C. Boettcher House Museum Board Report – No report. Minutes enclosed within packet.

D. Pathway Committee – No report. Minutes included within packet.

E. Manheim Township Historical Society – Ms. Kreiner reported on the most recent program held which 55 to 60 people were in attendance. Upcoming events include an Ice Cream Social and Book Reading scheduled for 7/7. The Book Reading will be held at the Library and Ice Cream Social will be held at the Stoner House. The Trash & Treasures event is scheduled for 9/15.

VII. Action Items

A. Recommendation on Christmas Spirit Light Show for 2018 – Jim Bohan asked for a motion on whether to make a recommendation regarding the Christmas Spirit Light Show – John Smith made the motion that we do not recommend, Bill Zeigler seconded. Discussion: John Smith stated that this is a very different venture than a one-day park inconvenience; this is 45 to 50 days of affecting the neighbors with traffic, music and flashing lights. Bill Zeigler stated that similar views, but also noted that though he is voting against the recommendation of the show continuing, he states that people who live near parks have certain benefits however they also must put up with certain inconveniences. He also believes this goes beyond an inconvenience do to the length of operation.

Joe Boufford stated similar views.

Mike Keene wanted the opportunity for the owner to be able to present his case to the Commissioners and then allow the Commissioners to make the decision. Chairman Bohan thanked guests Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes and Mr. Kent Holmes for their “thoughtful and sensitive” presentation regarding their concerns about the Light Show. Jim Bohan believes that it is the Parks and Recreation Boards’ role is to listen to the public and make comments and recommendations to the Commissioners. His biggest concern is the length and scope of time the show operates and the disruption to the neighbors and community affected.

All in favor of not recommending the Christmas Spirit Light Show be permitted to operate in Community Park – John Smith, Bill Zeigler and Joe Boufford; Doreen Kreiner and Mike Keene abstained. Jim Bohan – the vote is three ayes and two abstentions and so the recommendation to the Commissioners is to not permit the operation of the Christmas Spirit Light Show in Community Park.

B. Approval of revised Park Rules and Regulations – Chairman Bohan commented that the revised document was included within the packet. Mr. Smith questioned the history of the “Carry-In, Carry-Out” program. Vice-Chairman Keene explained that after review of the cost effectiveness of trash removal at all of the parks, it was decided to adopt a “Carry-In, Carry-Out” policy. There is signage in each park. Vice-Chairman Keene made the motion to accept the revised Park Rules and Regulations. Mr. Boufford seconded this motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Discussion

A. Old Business

1.) Celebrate MT Event – Mr. Ziegler reported that he and Chairman Bohan met with Superintendent Felty to outline the vision and discuss this event for the Fall of 2019. Dr. Felty will share at her Superintendent’s Lay Advisory Council (SLAC) meeting in October. Mr. Ziegler suggested a committee be formed to organize the event. Mr. Ziegler reported also that he has communicated with Chief Rudzinski regarding the parade route options. There are state mandates regarding holding events on state roads. Mr. Ziegler will move forward to form a steering committee for the event and also sponsorship.

B. New Business

None.

IX. Correspondence – LNP Pools article.

X. Public Comments – None.

XI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM with a motion made by all.

Next meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2018 at the Sand Trap Restaurant prior to the Boards & Commissions Annual Picnic.