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The Township Parks and Recreation Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Conewago Township Municipal Building at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance

Jason Parmer – Chairperson
Jane Janeczek – Member
Laurie Rochat – Member
Dan Tredinnick – Secretary (arrived late)

Other in Attendance

Lauren Zumbrun – RETTEW

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

Jane Janeczek offered to prepare the minutes for the March meeting since Dan will be arriving late.

Annual Report

Jason made the revisions made to the Annual Report that was presented at last month's meeting and the report will now be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Jason handed out copies of the annual report to the board members in attendance.

Dauphin County Greenway Study

Lauren reported that regular monthly meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month and that a representative from RETTEW will be in attendance if the municipalities decide they would like someone to continue to attend on their behalf.

Danny Fisher Park – Picnic Area

Jason shared research he had done into the costs for various options for both the picnic area and t-ball field. After some discussion, the \$1,700 option of digging out, mulching, and framing a 25' x 25' picnic table area was tabled in favor of a more permanent and ADA friendly option of creating the same sized picnic table pad of 4" thick concrete (not to be confused with cement) at a cost of \$3,500. The benefits of the pad are that it will require less regular maintenance, will be safer for disabled individuals, will allow us to secure picnic table/benches/trash container/grill, etc.

In addition to the area itself, Jason reviewed some estimated costs for a grill, 8' picnic table and benches, a second accessible 8' table and benches, and a trash container. His initial bid for these items was \$3,200 but he will seek another bid as well.

It was agreed that a handicapped path to both the picnic and baseball areas should be included and at this point, Jason has an estimated cost of \$25 per running foot which he procured from Ebersole Paving. However, we are unable to plan the exact location of the path/picnic table pad until Mazzuca has completed the sewer project and we can see the final location of the recycle bins, parking area, etc.

Danny Fisher Park – T-ball Field

Jason has spoken with a contractor who has done similar work at Memorial Field in Hershey. This gentleman recommends a 16'(h) x 20'(w) dugout wall with two 16'(h) x 10'(w) wings. Fencing along the baselines would be 6' high with 40' extensions. The backstop, all the aforementioned fences made of galvanized steel, and installation would cost approximately \$4,600.

A comparable portable scenario was estimated to cost \$3,600, but board members felt that the benefits of moveability were far outweighed by safety issues. Dan mentioned that perhaps we should consider the extra expense of benches with backs, which would be \$498 each. Jason will obtain a second estimate from Tyson Fencing in addition to the one he had received from the New Holland concern.

Dan made and Jane seconded a motion to move forward with the baseball field portion of work as the Baseball Association Work Day is March 29 and opening day for baseball is in mid April. During the Work Day, the organization could cut baselines and mark placement of other major field features. It was further suggested that the Board and the Baseball Association complete an agreement so that maintenance of the field (i.e., mowing/trash removal, base storage) would be the responsibility of the Association. Our objective is to have the field in good working order on Opening Day.

Land Acquisition Grant

Lauren reported that the Board of Supervisors will be moving forward to pursue acquisition of the 28 acres adjacent to the Township Municipal Building. RETTEW will be preparing the grant at an estimated cost of \$3,500. The grant must be submitted to DCNR by April 25. The grant will to be based upon the appraised value of the land and should there be a discrepancy between the two appraisals required, they will simply be averaged. If we receive the award, Lauren explained that grant restrictions emphatically prevent us from changing the use of the land from a public recreational use. For example, if the grant is awarded for recreational use and we later determine that we would like to use the site for private or municipal uses, we cannot do so. Lauren also mentioned that she has a call in to Lori Kieffer Yeich to discuss the specifics pertaining to the grant. Finally, Lauren asked that board members work to obtain letters of support to be attached to the grant application. She suggested that we request letters from local political officials and organizations who could potentially utilize the park (school district, baseball and soccer associations, etc.)

New Business

There being no New Business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

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