



Board of Parks and Recreation

South Whitehall Township
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
March 14th, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Glose, Mark Ackerman, Jessica Beller, Katrina Idleman, Terry Horn, Keisha Champagne

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Kukitz, Park and Recreation Manager, Gregg Adams, SWT Planner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Diane Kelly, SWT Commissioner, Monica Hodges, SWT Commissioner, Residents - Juan & Carmen

Minutes – March 14th, 2022

AGENDA ITEM # 1 - CALL TO ORDER

- A. Katrina called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM # 2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Parks and Rec Board for 2022
 - a. Mark and Katrina offered to be chair. Terry nominated Katrina, seconded by Jessica, all in favor
 - d. Katrina nominated Mark as co-Chair of Park and Rec Board for 2022. Seconded by Jessica, All in Favor Mark will be co-Chair.

AGENDA ITEM # 3 – ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A. Acceptance of the January 10, 2022 - Meeting Minutes
 - a. Mark made a motion, seconded by Bill, all in favor.
- B. The February 14, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. No motion or acceptance needed due to no quorum being present on 2.14.22.

AGENDA ITEM # 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

- A. St. Luke's West End Medical Center Short Stay Facility Major Plan 2022-101 – Gregg A. explained that the facility will be two stories tall and will be using the existing building. They will add a new sidewalk and realign the parking/ driveway area.
- B. 1670 Church Road Padda Property LLC Major Plan 2022-104 – This is the old garage across from 309. They will be renovating the building for a truck auto body repair shop. It currently has 4,896 square feet of existing impervious. They are opposing 59,608 a total

additional 54,712. If they continue the fee, is it estimated for \$13,678.00.

- a. Mark motions. All in favor.
- C. Springfield – 408 acres of land across the street from Parkland High School. Proposing that it is only to be used for industrial purposes (does not include warehouses). Breakdown of about sixty-six individual lots, most lots will be 4 to 8 acres in size. Gregg A. shows a rough sketch, that has no legal standing. He also calculated what the square footage of the road that would be and converted into impervious surface. Which will result in an open space (\$223,085.00). Mike K. is concerned with the trail and having enough open space. Greg Explained that a comprehensive plan is being discussed.

AGENDA ITEM # 5 - OLD BUSINESS

- A. Project Update reported by Mike K:
- a. Vistas – Currently working on plans. Hoping to start 2023.
 - b. Kohler Ridge Park – Received a shock at the first budget estimate of \$10 million for the park. Which is not reasonable. Exploring other options.
 - c. Jordan Creek Greenway – This will be on the school board’s agenda for this week. Possibly start working by the end of this week.
 - d. Comprehensive Park, Recreation, Open Space & Trails (PROT) Plan – Mike K. will check dates and revisit next month.
 - e. Flood Mitigation RFP – No updates.
 - f. 2022 DCNR Grant Update – We will be applying for approval on Plan C. Three bids were non bids and stated that scope is unattainable. At the workshop meeting with the board last week, they expressed hesitation to move forward due to the numerous concerns regarding flooding issues.
 - g. Way Finding Signage CBP – Mike K. showed examples of six signs. Additional signs for fishing access and parking for the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail were suggested. The Group suggested we change a few locations of the signs. Also, that we name the Parking lot the same name as the area. (Baseball Field 1 & 2 Parking)
 - h. Multi-Municipal Partnership – This program was officially approved, and registration opened March 10th with over four hundred sign ups. Mike K. explained that we are looking to hire forty staff members for five sites. The hiring age is now 16 years of age or older.
 - i. The Open Space Fund Report – current balance of \$418,917.71

AGENDA ITEM # 6 - NEW BUSINESS

- A. Batting Cage – The batting cage was removed prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Now it is back on track. The area is now excavated, cleaned up and the posts are now concreted in the ground. A crew will be coming in a few weeks to put the batting cages up. This will be located in between field one and two.
- B. Sponsorship Materials – The township is looking for sponsors for the events in the park. Mike K. shared a flyer that explained all the donation levels.
- C. Remembrance Tree/ Plaque Program - This program will allow residents to dedicate a tree and plaque in the park in remembrance of a loved one. Mike K. shared a flyer that stated the price and details of the program. There was discussion of changing the wording of the

- location of trees.
- D. SW Chase Playground – The group was shown four different options. Resident asked if there are any special needs options available. Mike K. stated he will look more into that. Mark motioned for option three, Jessica seconded that motion. Everyone is in favor.
 - E. 501C 3 – Tabled for a future meeting

AGENDA ITEM # 6 - COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- A. Resident and wife joined the meeting via web cam. They just wish to be more involved in the community and find out about new development.
- B. Mark inquired about the St. George Church property that was donated to the township. Mike K. states that the B.O.C. wants to farm the land as long as they can. Mark asked, “Where will the leasing money go?” Mike K. responded, “Back into the general fund.”

AGENDA ITEM # 7 – ADJOURNMENT

- A. Jessica motioned to adjourn meeting, Terry seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.