

WEST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER- 7:01pm. In attendance were members Suzanne Ranck, Kevin Turner and Lauren Herr. Also in attendance was Township Manager Dee Dee McGuire.

MINUTES- February meeting minutes were voted on. Kevin Turner made a motion to approve. Lauren Herr seconded the motion.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD-Nine community members present to discuss upcoming interest and demand in pickleball courts. The pickleball committee had a signed petition of over 300 signatures from within West Lampeter township in support of new courts. Pickleball is a combination sport of tennis, ping pong and badminton. It is played with a racquet and ball and is performed on a badminton sized court. The popularity has increased 40% in the past two years and there's only one outdoor space to play in Lancaster County. This location is at Buchmiller Park and it is always full.

The committee talked through the many benefits for the community if they added pickleball courts, such as:

- It would provide exercise
- Pickleball is a social sport
- Anyone can play and it is multigenerational
- It would make use of more park hours
- It could potentially draw people to the area
- The students could walk from school
- Most likely would hold tournaments and leagues to raise money

An ideal court size is 100x200 which would hold 9 courts total. The community representatives suggested use of the current roller rink at the YMCA right now. There are lines painted on it, but players need to provide net. Dee Dee said the rink has to stay due to grant money used for project.

In conclusion, there is no room for courts at Village Park at the moment. The shift was made to the Willow Street Park plans and figuring out how to incorporate courts in the new plans. The contract has been signed and initial drawings have begun.

VILLAGE PARK UPDATE- Public works crew is getting the park ready for spring activities. They are planning to be usable in the next 3-4 weeks.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS- No new updates at this time.

PARK UPDATES- The Willow Street Park design contract has been signed and is moving forward. They are hoping to begin construction no later than next year.

PARK ENRICHMENT- Rick Wagner, the new executive director from the YMCA was present to discuss the upcoming community event. June 10 was the date selected as there will be extra police presence that day. The YMCA is excited to participate and join together for a great community event. They're willing to provide hula hoops, sidewalk chalk and any equipment we may need. The Y may have an inflatable screen, speakers and extension cords. Rick suggested opening the pool to the public that evening as part of the event.

Amanda Hickman has looked up some possible screen rentals and the team discussed the amphitheater as a good location for the movie. Possibly baseball, soccer, lacrosse and swim team booster clubs will provide food at the event. Dee Dee and Amanda will provide some movie options to discuss for next time. The committee will make a flyer (possibly pull in Stephanie Herr to help create) that will be passed out to school and community locations to advertise. As the event draws near, social media will play a large role in spreading the word. Games, events and activities will be put into a spreadsheet in preparation for next meeting and for organizing ongoing action items.

OTHER BUSINESS- No other business at this time

ADJOURNMENT- Suzanne Ranck motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:10 pm. Kevin Turner seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Herr