

Parks and recreation meeting minutes October 21st

Attendance: Board Members: Chairman Mike Riegel, Marc Mignogna, Ryan McCulley, George Guevera, Tim Washabaugh, Councilwoman Pamela Reed

Board Members Absent: Scott Rieland

Town Staff: Ashley Collier Parks and Events Manager, Nancy Hernandez Parks Assistant

Press: Tony Burke Mount Airy Messenger

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 following the Pledge of Alligiance. The September meeting minutes were approved with a few minor adjustments.

Chair Report: Chairman Riegel went over the most recent town events since the last meeting, the next meeting is 11/18, need volunteer to lead next meeting

Council Report: Councilwoman Reed reported Oktoberfest this year was the most successful one, \$17,500.00 raised, she also went over goals for the junior task force. Tentative meeting with county commissioners and town council on Nov 23 regarding Harrison Lashier annexation agreements. Rezoning of Beck property approved at last council meeting, cell tower ordinance tabled. Several public hearings next month, charter ammendments, and flat iron building will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Guests:

MAYAA Softball: Kerry Duvall softball commissioner gave a update on the softball program. It is continuing to grow, 7 temas in the fall, and more in the spring. Nancy set up field meeting with Brian Johnson, increase needs with program growing.

Updates:

Village Gate Pathway: Path area handled by public works

Watkins Park: Shed in place identical to the other one

Prospect Park Mulch: Chairman Riegel spoke to public works on this, waiting until spring

Pickleball: Going strong, issues with net caps missing, pickleball nets are \$52, full frames

\$400-\$600

Street Hockey: \$150 for nets

Rails to trails west of main: Public hearing on 11/1 at town council meeting

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Beautification: Getting treeshrubs, soil, and doing fall cleanup

Wildwood Stairs: Waiting on metal handrail from supplier

Park Visits:

Windy Rodge: 3 entrances, gave a review of the trail, reviewed entrances, cindy ct, westridge cir, and N Annapolis dr

Staff Report:

Caboose: Open on weekends

Rail Trail: Delay start on construction, Trail closing in November

Field Maintenance: Brian Johnson will be instructing classes on 10/22 at 5:30, and 10/24 at 12:00. Baseball and soccer fields have been arranged.

Pop up park: Fountain switched to fire pit, and plants are moving indoors

Unfinished Business:

Windy Ridge Multi Use Trail: Proceeding with Greenstone design

Summit Ridge Playground: Grant app in progress

Skate Park: Meeting held on site on 10/1 1st stage of pumptrack, 2nd medium size pumptrack north of the playground. Engineer consultant will get approval from sm from cc. Town has sent insurance requirements to skate park team. Chairman Riegel made motion to approve area for approved location board member Mignogna 2nd all in favor.

New Business:

APFO open space requirements: Chapter 98 of town code requires to give back 10% back to the town only if adequate. Town owns 213 acres, needs 290 to be adequate, 83 acres inadequate.

Chairman Riegel went over the upcoming events

Board Member Guevara made motion to adjourn, board member Mignogna 2nd all in favor

The meeting ended at 8:58. The next meeting will be on November 18th at 7:00 format TBD

Respectfully,

Marc Mignogna