

Horsham Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 18th, 2022
Horsham Township Community Center

In Attendance

Janeen Saxer (Chairperson)
Ken Gehlhaus (Vice Chairperson)
Tracy Frary
Lori O'Donnell

Staff

Kyle Lynch

Mark Dillion (Horsham Hawks)
Dave Maloney (Boys Lacrosse)
Mike Pagano (Horsham Heat)
John Sabo (Little League)

Call To Order: 7:31 PM by Kyle Lynch

Annual Re-Org Meeting – Welcome Lori O'Donnell to the board who will be taking the place of Mary Dare

- All positions will remain the same
 - Chairperson: Janeen Saxer
 - Vice Chairperson: Ken Gehlhaus
 - Secretary: Eric Glemser

Approval of November '21 Minutes: Motion by Ken Gehlhaus, Second by Lori O'Donnell

Comments or Concerns from Public:

- Everyone in attendance was there for youth sports field concerns which will be covered under “New Business”

Updates from Youth Sports Organizations:

- Little League
 - Registration started recently and everything is on par with previous years
 - Working on planning out the Miracle Field 5K and various other fundraisers throughout the year
- Horsham Hawks
 - Registrations have begun and turnout has been comparative to previous years
 - Late registrations will begin shortly, and they usually see a bump right before the late registration price increase goes into effect
- Horsham Heat Baseball
 - Have 2 teams entering Connie Mac play

- Season usually begins around the end of school baseball (April/May) and runs through mid-July
- Boys Lacrosse
 - 2 weeks left of registrations
 - On pace to be comparative to previous years
 - Season usually ends around June

Old Business

- Freezer 5K
 - Was held on December 12th
 - Was a scaled back version
 - Gave away medals to all the participants, and had timed racing from Run the Day
 - 100 pre-registered signs up and 25 day of sign ups
 - Next year will be back to normal
- Project Blue Light
 - Turnout was very good
 - Lit tree and hung wreath as per usual
 - After ceremony Mission BBQ catered a dinner in the community center
- Turf Soccer Field (Kohler Soccer)
 - Everything is on schedule to begin construction in the late spring to early summer
- Miracle Field (Deep Meadow)
 - Currently working on the funding phase of the project
 - John Sabo spoke about the fundraisers that they have planned for this year
 - 5K walk on April 2nd in Deep Meadow and Carpenter Park
 - Several others which will be planned further down the road and the township will be updated on

New Business

- Welcome Lori O'Donnell to the board
- Youth Field Allocations
 - Keith Valley Middle School has requested to use the township fields while their new school is being built. The new school will be constructed where their sports fields currently are so they will have nowhere to house their sports teams
 - Mark Dillion spoke up about the Keith Valley Middle School being able to use fields throughout the township. With football and baseball in particular the overuse of fields is an issue.
 - The board granted permission to Kyle to start accepting field permit applications and the schedule will be finalized by the board at the following meeting in February
 - Motion by Janeen Saxer, 2nd by Lori O'Donnell
- Pickleball 2022
 - Memberships for the 2022 year have opened and spots are filling up quickly
 - Changes for this year

- The season will now be a full calendar year from January to December where in years passed it has been April to November
- Pickleball now has indoor play available to members where they can play in the community center on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Cost is \$5.00 per person per day paid in cash only
- Tracy Frary asked about Horsham Pickleball wanting to have lights installed on their courts and she was informed that it was brought up and talked about in the meeting that the township had with Dave McPhillips and the township agreed to investigate it in the future, but nothing has been solidified yet.

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Events

- Miracle Field 5K
 - Already talked about in length earlier and didn't need to be touched on again
- Horsham Day 2022
 - The township had their first meeting on the planning of this event last Friday
 - The plan is to have it bigger and better than ever with new events and vendors from previous years
 - Ideas have included a rock-climbing wall, hot air balloon rides, neighborhood cornhole tournament, and family overnight camping in Carpenter Park

Motion to Adjourn at 8:02 PM by Kyle Lynch, 2nd by Ken Gehlhaus

Next Meeting: **February 15th, 2022 at 7:30 PM** in the Horsham Township Community Center