

Horsham Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 16th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The Horsham Township Community Center

In Attendance

Janeen Saxer, Chairperson

Ken Gehlhaus, Vice Chairperson

Eric Glemser

Nick Bellizzie

Kim Keiser

Staff:

Ian Hammer, Director of Public Works

Kathy Dick, Recreation Coordinator

Call To Order: 7:32 PM by Chairperson, Janeen Saxer

Approval of February Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Frary. Second by Mr. Gehlhaus, all in favor

Updates from the Following Organizations:

- Horsham Little League – Mr. John Sabo was in attendance. Mr. Sabo stated there are approximately 390 registered for LL this year. Registration closed on March 15th, 2021. March 27th is scheduled for a “clean-up” day. Opening Day is tentatively scheduled April 17th with games starting April 12th. Horsham LL met with Dave Hunley of Fisher and Son to discuss possibly doing field treatments to align with the Township’s lawn maintenance plan.
- Horsham Soccer Association – Horsham Soccer Association has seen an increase in Spring registrations which is currently over 400. They have created a 3- and 4-year-old program this season which has 60 registered individuals. Fall registration will open in March and the Colleen Reilly tournament planning committee has been busy with their tournament application to the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPSYA). Tournament is scheduled for August 20-22nd. Horsham Soccer Association met with Dave Hunley of Fisher and Son to discuss possibly doing field treatments to align with the Township’s lawn maintenance plan.
- Horsham Hawks – No Updates
- Horsham Heat – No Updates
- Horsham Girls’ Lacrosse – No Updates
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- Other Youth Sport Groups – No Updates
- Dog Park – No Updates

Old Business:

-Extended Field Use Permits – Mr. Hammer explained to the board that all permits were issued, and that Horsham Township was working with some organizations on minor scheduling issues. Thanks to all organizations for their understanding and cooperation in this process.

New Business:

-Bathrooms in the Parks – Mr. Hammer explained that all restrooms are scheduled to open on April 5th in the parks pending any issues. Portable toilets will also be removed from these parks that have restrooms. Horsham Township will also be installing the fountains back in the pond for visitors to observe.

-Pavilion Rentals – Pavilion rentals opened on March 15th. Residents and Non-residents can call Horsham Township Library to schedule their rentals. Rentals are only permitted to be scheduled 3 months prior to the date of the event. Horsham Library has developed a contactless way to do rentals now to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Land Development and Subdivision Plans:

Nothing to Discuss

Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events:

Easter Egg Hunt – Cancelled

Horsham Day 2021 – June 6th, 2021 – TBD – Need to figure out the logistics and feasibility based on current COVID guidelines from the CDC.

Carpenter Cross Cyclocross Bike Race – September 25th, 2021. This race is scheduled to take place at Deep Meadow Park. 2020's race was cancelled due to COVID-19 but staff plans to carry out another successful race in 2021.

Farmer's Market – The Farmer's Market at this time is sold out! Vendors are all filled, and Mrs. Dick has started a waitlist for the first time ever. Market is set to start on June 6th, 2021, run every weekend until November 7th, except for the weekend of July 4th. Thanks to Mrs. Dick for all she does to make this market happen.

Comments of Concerns from Public:

Nothing at this time

Motion to adjourn 8:01 pm by Mr. Gehlhaus, 2nd by Mrs. Keiser. Passed unanimously. **Next meeting will be April 20th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Horsham Township Community Center.**