

## **Horsham Parks & Recreation Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

**The Horsham Township Community Center**

#### **In Attendance**

Janeen Saxer, Chairperson

Tracy Frary, Secretary

Eric Glemser

Nick Bellizzie

Kim Keiser

#### **Staff:**

Ian Hammer, Director of Public Works

Kathy Dick, Recreation Coordinator

**Call To Order:** 7:40 PM by Chairperson, Janeen Saxer

**Approval of February Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Bellizzie. Second by Mrs. Keiser, all in favor

#### **Updates from the Following Organizations:**

- Horsham Little League – Mr. John Sabo was in attendance. Mr. Sabo stated that registration was comparable to 2020 and participants were signing up until the last minute. Mr. Sabo mentioned some issues around the complex that he would like for Mr. Hammer and Horsham Township to take a look at. An email was sent with these items and response will be submitted as able.
- Horsham Soccer Association – Horsham Soccer Association has 530 registered participants. First games are scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. 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 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. 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:

-Pickleball Update – Mr. Hammer explained to the board that pickleball has continued to grow in Horsham and we are well above last year’s membership totals. We experienced a couple minor issues but were addressed immediately.

-Bathrooms in the Parks – Mr. Hammer explained that all restrooms are opened and ready for visitors to utilize. Portable toilets were also removed from the parks that have restrooms. Horsham Township also reinstalled the fountains back in the pond for visitors to observe.

### New Business:

-YSO Punch List Items – Mr. Hammer explained that a couple sport organizations have approached him with various issues seeking any assistance the department can provide. The Public Works Department will provide as much assistance as time permits to help these organizations overcome the issues.

-Trail in front of Lukens Park along Drescher Road – Mr. Hammer explained that we were not awarded the PECO Green Region Grant, but we will still be installing the trail this fall. Exact dates have not been set yet but the board will be kept up to date as the time gets closer.

### Land Development and Subdivision Plans:

Nothing to Discuss

### Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events:

Easter Egg Hunt – Cancelled

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

Carpenter Cross Cyclocross Bike Race – September 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 six weeks away! Vendors are all filled, and Mrs. Dick has started a waitlist for the first time ever. Market is set to start on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, run every weekend until November 7<sup>th</sup>, except for the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Dick has been proactive with her research and planning in regard to the Montgomery County Health Department’s current guidelines. Thanks to Mrs. Dick for all she does to make this market happen.

Camps and Trips – Mrs. Dick informed the board that PRPS (Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society) has a limited number of trip tickets to various locations. The allotment given to Horsham Township to sell is a one-time distribution and will not be refilled when they are sold out. Horsham Township will be holding an abbreviated summer camp schedule this year to include Theater, Pottery, Art, Jewelry, and Virtual Cooking. Please reach out to the Library to find more information regarding these camps.

Comments of Concerns from Public:

-Mrs. Frary expressed her interest in possibly adding a trash receptacle along the Power Line Trail between Limekiln Pike and Cedar Hill. Mr. Hammer said he would look into this and address as able.

Motion to adjourn 8:09 pm by Mr. Glemser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bellizzie. Passed unanimously. **Next meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Horsham Township Community Center.**