

Horsham Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 18th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The Horsham Township Building – Council Chambers

In Attendance

Janeen Saxer, Chairperson

Ken Gehlhaus, Vice Chairperson

Tracy Frary, Secretary

Eric Glemser

Staff:

Ian Hammer, Director of Public Works

Kathy Dick, Recreation Coordinator

Call To Order: 7:31 PM by Chairperson, Janeen Saxer

Approval of April 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 was excited to announce there have been no issues this year with Little League and everyone is doing well. The weather has been cooperating and only had to reschedule 3 games due to rain. Season will be coming to a close in roughly a week with minor playoff scheduled and district play to follow. Horsham Little League is planning to meet with Horsham Township to review a punch list for updating the park in various locations.
- Horsham Soccer Association – No Updates
- 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 – President Jenn Cresina will be stepping down. Horsham Dog Park Association will now be lead by Kristie Kovtun. Numerous fundraising events have taken place as well as a group leaf clean up this past month.

Old Business:

-Trail in Front of Lukens Park – Mr. Hammer informed the board that the trail is planned for the fall and will connect Lukens Park Driveway to the Fitness Court at the Power Line Trail.

-Montgomery County Trail Challenge – Horsham Township’s Power Line Trail has partnered with numerous other trails in Montgomery County to be a part of the Trail Challenge for 2021. This trail challenge encourages county residents to get out and see new parts of the county. While visiting the highlighted trails, participants are encouraged to snap a picture at the trail heads of specific symbols that are deployed to enter into the competition. Trail Challenge cards can be found on the Township website or while visiting the Horsham Township Building.

New Business:

-Girard Avenue Property/Wayne Avenue Park – Horsham Township has recently purchased the parcel between Girard and Columbia Avenues, adjacent to Wayne Avenue Park and closer to Easton Road. This will be an extension of the neighborhood park. Horsham Township Public Works Department plans to remove any dead or dying trees and clean up the parcel to make the area safer and more user friendly.

-Seasonal Help – Mr. Hammer explained to the board that we are still actively searching for seasonal help in the Public Works Department to assist in park maintenance for the summer of 2021. Any individual interested is encouraged to fill out an application on the Township website and submit to Ian Hammer, Director of Public Works for Horsham Township.

Land Development and Subdivision Plans:

Nothing to Discuss

Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events:

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 19 days away! 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. 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.

Freezer 5k – The Freezer 5k is scheduled for December 12th, 2021 at Simmons Elementary School. Registration will open up August 1st and run until the day of the event through RunTheDay.com.

Comments of Concerns from Public:

-Nothing at this time

Motion to adjourn 7:46 pm by Mr. Glemser, 2nd by Mr. Gehlhaus. Passed unanimously. **Next meeting will be June 15th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Horsham Township Community Center.**