

Upper Nazareth Township
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
3/15/22

Present:

Scott Sylvanus

Kristen Mullen

Tammy Bacak

Jeanie Morgano

John Soloe - Zoning officer, guest

Brian Cope - NCC Director Parks and Recreation - guest

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Jean Morgano introduced Brian Cope who spoke with the board about NCC trail plans:

Website - weconservepa.com - has easements, etc - recommended we keep trails close to the road if the easements are big enough. Federal grants require a 25 year lease for land

Brian recommended that we either:

- Do a feasibility study which could take a year or
- Design and engineer a trail with 2 end points, and build a map. To access grant opportunities from the county

Considerations:

- Who will work with us?
 - Railroad - no
 - Private companies - if it is presented as a way to help retain employees or to help employees get to work - let the companies know how donating land for trails will benefit them
- Recommended we start with Crreekside park, get right-of-ways

The board thanked Brian for his input, and he noted that he will help us every step of the way. This area is considered a 'black hole' for trails and the county is very interested in supporting new trails here.

John spoke to the group and asked us to consider what would have the highest impact right now. There is \$265K for Parks and Rec to spend now

- Walkway around township building land?
- Silvercrest park
- Park by Martin guitar
- Trails
- Adding birdhouses to garner interest from public

The board thanked John for his ideas and suggestions.

Movie Night:

- Board asked Jean Morgano to get written pricing information to the supervisors (sent on 3/17)
- Tim - will ask fire department if they'd like to use that night as an opportunity to raise funds by selling snacks
- Kristen will ask police department if they'd like to use movie night as an opportunity to raise fund
- Quote is for 6/17 or 6/24 (Fridays). Need to make sure no sporting event is to be held on either of those nights before booking. (I don't remember who is going to look into that?)

Paint Party:

Jeanie mentioned that a local vendor is interested in having a paint night for residents. Board discussed possibilities and recommended that the event be held at the pavilion at Tuskes park at low cost, and that the vendor could use the event as advertisement.

Pickleball:

Scott mentioned that he has been in discussion with Sherry Acevedo and that grant monies are available to build 4 pickleball courts at Tuskes park. Lisa Klem is to write the grant, which is due in April.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted by Jean Morgano

Recording Secretary

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