

MINUTES

RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD:

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

The following were in ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Greg Mahon, Chair
Scott Duncanson, Vice Chair
Lauren Casselberry
Rick Grove
James Kaiser
Megan Klenzing
Susan Parry

TOWNSHIP PEPRSONNEL

Helen Grundon, Administrative Assistant
Tom Stambaugh
Renee' Greenawalt, Recording Secretary

LIAISON

Commissioner Joe Swartz

Chair Mahon called the November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Lower Allen Township Recreation and Parks Board to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Klenzing motioned to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 Regular Meeting, as amended. Mr. Kaiser seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Allendale/Creekwood Park

There was no public comment, however Mr. Grove noted his observation that the park appeared to be in good shape and had become better utilized, and that a summer block party, sponsored by their neighborhood association, had been well attended. Ms. Grundon also reported that the boat ramp project was planned for completion in the spring.

Liaison Report

Commissioner Swartz shared that a new Public Works Director had been hired, with an effective date of December 4, 2024.

TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORT

Ms. Grundon presented the Recreation and Parks Staff Report. She noted ongoing normal maintenance, and that leaf collection was underway in the pocket parks. She highlighted the installation of a new fence to block the view of the dumpsters at LACP. Additionally, landscaping was completed at the Fun Fort and fall clean up at the pocket parks was completed. Bench bases were installed in parks and a new layer of mulch was added to the dog park. Staff have attended driving and park maintenance safety training.

Lower Allen Community Park was recently recognized by Harrisburg's Simply the Best as the best community park. Future promotion of this award is planned.

Finally, Ms. Grundon reported that the barn is booked through the end of the year, and that there are 60-75 events on the 2025 waiting list, pending approval of fees.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Fest Recap Recommendation to Board of Commissioners

Mr. Mahon reported that the Recreation and Parks Board recommendation would be submitted later in the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of support – Beacon Hill Rehabilitation Project Phases 2&3

Ms. Grundon referenced the draft letter of support regarding a grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Enhancement, for the Beacon Hill Rehabilitation Project Phases 2&3. Construction is slated to occur in 2026. The Board is being asked to review and consider the letter for approval. Members expressed consensus to approve the letter with one edit, that it be signed on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Board.

Ms. Casselberry asked if there was interest among the members to add a Gardeners Gathering to the event schedule for 2025 and suggested pursuing a grant to offset the cost of rain barrels. Members agreed to add consideration of the event under new business on a future agenda, potentially for the date of March 29, 2025.

ADJOURN:

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2025 at 7 PM.