

**North Middleton Township
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
February 28, 2017**

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013 on February 28, 2017. Chairman David Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Chairman David Hoover, Vice Chairman Jeff Brenizer, Secretary Laurie Hoover, Shirley Thomas, Jonas Diffenbaugh and Recreation Director Judy Smith.

Visitors: None

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the January 24, 2017 Recreation Advisory Board meeting were approved on motion of Vice Chairman Jeff Brenizer, seconded by Secretary Laurie Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

Directors Report:

- A. **Pavilion Rentals:** Rentals on February 28, 2017 were: 31 rentals, totaling \$ 1,260, with 2,185 guests; compared to February 23, 2016 there were 29 rentals, totaling \$1,140 with 2,110 guests.

New Business:

- A. **Election of New Recreation Board Member:** Jonas Diffenbaugh submitted a letter to the Recreation Advisory Board and Board of Supervisors to request to come on the Recreation Advisory Board. He would be filling the vacancy after Lisa Darr's resignation. The Board of Supervisors previously approved his request and the Recreation Board motioned to accept Jonas as our newest member; all votes were unanimous. We welcome Jonas on the Board.
- B. **DCNR Grant thru Carlisle Area Little League:** Chairman David Hoover gave an update on Carlisle Area Little League's interest in applying for grant money to improve the fields at North Middleton Park. Initially, they were looking at getting a grant through DCNR, with support of the Carlisle Borough, but due to other project interests of the Borough, the Borough could not commit. CALL is now looking to submit an application to DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) to get grant funds. They could be approved as much as \$100,000 with CALL contributing 20 percent up front as matching funds. The funds would improve the ball fields at North Middleton Park; to include fencing and dugouts and possibly using green space to put in a rain garden which would filter storm water run-off from the ball field culverts. If any funds are left over, possibly put in LED lights to light the ball field, walking path and upper parking lot. Other option is to use funds to make improvements to the playground or other recreational areas. CALL would like to present their ideas to the Township Board of Supervisors and possibly get their approval to move forward in applying for the grant. Deadline to apply is mid May.

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- C. Easter Egg Hunt:** Judy will order 3,000 eggs for the Egg Hunt. Judy will make up prize baskets to give away and possibly have door prizes. Will also do the candy guessing game to give away. Shirley Thomas agreed to be the Easter Bunny. Advertising in community calendars went out and flyers will be posted.

- D. Motor Mania:** There may be the possibility we could lose sponsorship money from Orrstown Bank, if the Township moves their accounts to another financial institution. The North Middleton branch is closing the end of April, which is where the Township does their banking. In the past, Orrstown would sponsor \$300 to help cover costs for the Motor Mania event. We may need to seek another sponsor or additional sponsors if need be.

Old Business:

- A. Ballfield Agreements:** Ballfield Agreements have been received by all Leagues. Waiting on Carlisle Diamonds Certificate of Insurance. League schedules have not come out yet.

- B. 2017 Bus Trips:** The Township has seats set aside for 5 bus trips: Blue Angel Air Show, NYC Gourmet Food tour, Cape May, N.J., Dutch Apple Theater – Pippin show, and Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival. Trips are being advertised (free of charge) in the Sentinel, The Township website, Newsletter and Facebook.

Announcements:

- A. Next Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Township Complex, 2051 Spring Road.

Adjournment:

Chairman David Hoover adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Shirley Thomas recommended closing the meeting, seconded by Jonas Diffenbaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Judy Smith
Recreation Director
North Middleton Township

