

## **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
Thursday, March 3, 2022  
7:30 PM**

### **Meeting via Zoom**

**Members Present** - George Plotts, Ryan McQuade, Tom Scanlon, Joe Sena

**Call to Order** - George Plotts – 7:30 pm

**Announcements** -.None

**Prior Meeting Minutes** (January 2022) – Motion by George Plotts to approve prior Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Tom.

### **Old Business** –

- Roadmaster, Dave Pysher, needs to back to George for cost and schedule of new fence at Furman Park.
- Installation of officers. The Board received clarification of the roles and tenure of the Rec Board. Rules advise that there is an opportunity for movement within the Board every year. However, there is no rule requiring officers to change roles. Board decided Board members in same positions for this year, and then move officers next year.
- Joe revisited the By-laws for the Recreation Board. He advised that we should consider getting the by-laws digitally archived. Don advised that the Township is working towards getting the By-laws, and other important written literature, digitized and archived.
- Cherry Street field usage. RTSC is the only group that has submitted a permit request application. However, Board members are aware that both Media Providence Friends soccer and St. Mary Magdalen lacrosse intend to submit permit applications. Board decided to approve RTSC's application, with the intention of keeping a similar schedule for all 3 groups as last year.

### **New Business/Public Comment** –

- Upper Providence Newsletter – Joe put together some very nice words about the Rec Board, and sent them to the woman that runs the newsletter. She will add it to the newsletter.
- Meeting was attended by new Township Manager Don Vymazal. This was Don's first time meeting the Rec Board, and learning about our roles and responsibilities. Don had a few topics to offer to the Board:
  - There have a number of reports of a woman at the Walden School tot lot that has a dog that is unleashed and is running around disrupting traffic and causing trouble with other people walking dogs and kids playing. Suggestion of signs that advised to have dogs leashed.

- There was an Upper Providence resident that was inquiring about the availability of any pickle-ball courts that may be in the township. Don advised the man that there are currently no pickle-ball courts in the township. Don and the Board will review possible locations within the township parks to see if there is ample location and room for pickle-ball courts. There was also discussion to utilize the current basketball courts at Ray Roche Park and add pickle-ball courts lines. However, there was concern by some Board members that using the basketball courts for pickle-ball could be troubling, as the courts are heavily used by teens and kids for basketball. Will look into other and all options.
- Grant application. Don is re-submitting the grant application (DCED-PA). The application includes the same wish list as last year. A new fund amount has been requested, there is no fund request limit. Don is hoping to receive feedback by August 2022.
- There is an Upper Providence township resident that has come to Don and offered to volunteer his time to cut down invasive vines that are growing within Louis Scott Park. Don asked the Board if they saw any issue with allowing this man to proceed with cutting down the vines. The Board saw no issue with this, however they recommended that Don follow up with the Upper Providence Open Space group to gather a second opinion.

### **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Joe at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Ryan.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, starting at 7:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Ryan McQuade, Recording Secretary.