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Ross Township Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes  
March 5, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Donna Tellam, Committee Chair, called the regular meeting of the Ross Township Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Ross Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Donna Tellam  
Peggy Sattler  
Alex Harris  
Dave Senkewitz - Ross Township Trustee (Committee Advisor)

Absent: Diana Langshaw - Ross Township Trustee (Committee Advisor)

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Dave moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and **passed**.

**MINUTES FROM January 9, 2020**

Dave moved that the minutes of March 5, 2020 meeting be approved. Seconded and **passed**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

February financial report submitted and accepted, moved by Donna and **passed**.

**Review of income -- Alex**

- a. Carryover surplus from 2019 is \$ 27,329.96. There was a Con Ed bill for \$20 in February.
- b. The Waste Management expense for 2019 was \$ 2593; will now be \$ 1694, or \$186 per month.
- c. On the Ross Township Financial Activity Report from 4/01/2019 to 2/27/2020, some new postings on 2/03/2020 were unexplained, but will be followed up.  
Reclassify \$170

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None presented

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Gilmore Foundation Grant

--Related to the funding for parking stops, Alex presented a proposal from Consumers Concrete for 46 six foot by six inch concrete parking bumpers for \$ 1446.70, plus \$ 105.00 for delivery and \$ 93.10 tax. The purchase was passed by the Committee.

--Carol Snap informed us that the Gilmore Foundation wants to highlight our project in their annual publications and on their website. Peggy and Donna will write a 250 word submission, which will also be useful for publicity.

b. GLRRC Grant

--The earliest date we may order for the playground is July 1, 2020. Donna is working with Linda Boersma, the rep for MidStates, and will tour Playworld in a couple of weeks and get the estimate. Linda has agreed to expedite shipping for us. Linda redid the bid (\$7999.80) and will pick up the check.

--Purchase includes:

Swingset (8 feet) with three regular and one infant seat

Spinami

Discussion of ideas for ages 2-5, such as Animal Spring Ride (\$999)  
or slide, added later

--Require us to advertise our partnership, such as the sign on the fence at the park. Donna showed the committee the banner design announcing: "Coming: Summer 2020, New Playground Area, brought to you by IS Gilmore Foundation, GLARC, Eagle Scouts (Nolan Ryan). Mary Carol will be asked to post this on the Ross Township website and encourage additional donations.

Benches: we are in touch with Rob Paff & Son, Landscape Forms, concerning 'bent and dent' sales. We can look for an ADA-accessible table, may donate it. And other benches, etc. at low cost. Nolan Ryan and his dad are investigating. We will be responsible to transport.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting rescheduled to May 15.
- b. New meeting time was discussed, but all voted to keep it at 6:00 pm.
- c. Summer 2020 Park Job Positions  
--Position descriptions approved. Rob Baker will post next week.
- d. Request to reserve Park tables for a party on a weekend in July was discussed. Because it is a weekend, the committee is recommending that the party simply arrive early.
- e. Park Suggestion Surveys  
--Peggy will add information on the scuba diving area.

## ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Peggy Sattler

## What would You Like to See at Ross Township Park?

If you have visited Ross Township in 2020 or previous summers, what would you say are the most important characteristics of the park for you and your family?

The quiet and peace

Picnics

Playing in the sand

Swimming

Scuba Diving     Underwater Trail     Need Scuba Info and Map?

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What would make it easier for you or your friends or family to use the park?

Walkways

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Over)

What would you add to the park?    (yes or no)

Swings

Slide

Benches

Bathroom Amenities (What?)

Beach

Gate

Accessibility Ideas? \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your ideas!

Please return this survey to the Ross Township Park office or payment box at the Park.

The Parks Committee

