

East Penn Township Parks Commission

Meeting

East Penn Township Riverside Park

June 26, 2024

7:00 PM

Commission Member Present

Hal Resh, Dennis Pearson, Bill Schwab, Joe Hauser, James Berros

Also in attendance Daniel Smith and David Hill

A heavy storm with a strong wind , heavy rain and some lighting started before the meeting began... Wind was so strong that heavy dust flew out of Slaw Inc for a number of minutes

Meeting was called to order by Hal Resh on June 26, 2024 at 7:05 PM

Courtesy of the Floor – James Berros said that the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission has appointed him Treasurer. The Commission hasn't handled its project to repair the Bridges on the trail well. Wondered if East Penn Township was impacted by this. We weren't. Said he has taken up p/t employment at Lowe's He said at certain times of the year when Lowe's is getting rid of unsold inventory they might donate to us things we need for the park

Minutes from the May 29, 2024 Bill Schwab made the motion Joe Hauser approved ... All were in favor

The current Treasure's Report was approved ... Motion made by Schwab seconded by Pearson All in favor --- Report attached to these minute

Updates - Resh said that he would have the steps for Playground equipment that were removed for repair be-installed on playground equipment after the July 4 Holiday ,, Before then the Steps will be stored in the Workers Cage at Marvin Gardens.

Resh expects that during the Holiday Camps and use of the boating ramp will be well used

Marvin Gardens – no report

Riverview – 2 fire rings were purchased and installed, and other rings and Grill transferred to Riverview

Heir Weir – no report

Kittatinny – tables removed from Area – Must find a better use for the areas because it is unpopular with Campers

Delaware & Lehigh – Resh revealed email from Alice Wanamaker about a bike lane stencil the D & L would like to use in “paved sections of the trail . Schwab said that use of the stencil would be fine. Resh said he would email her to tell her it would be ok to use the stencils on the paved area. Daniel Smith said that concerning the mileage signs that we must place them approximately 1 or 1 1/2 miles apart. Definitely need to place them at our Lehighton border and at our Lehigh County border on the opposite end of our trail and at Hech Weir and at our parking lot entrance at Riverview

Golden Trail – no report

Old Business

When questioned whether we got our U-turn lawn mower back. Dan Smith said yes and no Yes we got it back and supposedly repaired, But a new problem developed. After step and go use -the starter gave out. Brandon our roadmaster will help us by buying a new starter for us and use one of his crew to install it.

Dan Smith noting that the Park crew is still a little bit behind in its work. Wants the Park Commission to allow his crew to work an extra day. He won't need the extra day. Bill Schwab made the motion and Joe Hauser seconded it that the 2 of the Park crew employees can work an extra day weekly through the month of July.

Concerning the cafeteria chairs and table which allegedly were Park Commission property and needed to be removed from a building near the Municipal Building which was undergoing repairs to the roof and [perhaps other repairs the Parks Commission does not want or need them. And Dennis Pearson said the Recreation Board may not want them either. It Being suggested that the Board of Supervisors decide how to dispose them.

Dennis Pearson noted that our food vender has worked at least one day at Riverview ... That we must do something to promote her being there if she does it regularly

Dan Smith did note that we have not seen the overflow crowd from Beltzville we had seen last year. It seems the earlier rainy weather and the current hot humid weather – which is ever hotter on water – is keeping people away so far.

New Business - None

Adjournment – Bill Schwab made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM and Joe Hauser seconded it All were in favor

Next Meeting July 31, 2024 --- 7:00 PM at the Riverview Pavilion at Riverview

Submitted by Dennis Pearson, a voting member of the Commission