EAST PENN TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION

JANUARY 23, 2024

1. While there was a quorum, --- ( Commission member Hal Resh, Bill Schwab and Dennis Pearson were present . But Commission member Joe Hauser and James Berros were Absent. Joe Hause )r the election of the 2024 Commission Officers was delayed until the February meeting with the 2023 Chair Hal Resh continuing to hold the Chair.
2. The meeting was called to order by Hal Resh on January 23, 2924 at 7:05 p.m. at the East Penn Township Community Center.
3. Courtesy of the floor – None
4. Motion made by Bill Schwab to approve the October minutes as and seconded by Dennis Pearson. Motion carried. If there was a November Meeting there was not any minutes of that meeting to approve..
5. Treasurer’s Report --- In absence of the October , November, December, and January Treasurer’s Reports the Treasure’s Report was tabled this evening.

Dennis Pearson said he would obtain the Treasurer’s Report from Jillian and Report them in these minutes …

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Ending Balance $11,1999,38 as of September 30, 2023 …

Ending Balance $3,589.75 as of October 31, 2023

Ending Balance $1600.91 as of November 30, 2023

Ending Balance $947.34 as of December 31, 2023

Ending Balance $1961,53 as of January 31, 2023

Please note - But Schwab due to last year’s transfer from the Parks Account to the General Account was concerned over the low amount of money in our bank account as we start the new year.

One financial concern being that there we have not yet found a food vender to take over for Mary … Another concern being that more picnickers used to our camp sites to hold their picnics and unlike previous years have not paid the $10 fee…. The Good News being The Commission will sponsor 11 open campsites for rental this year and hopefully that would increase revenue,

1. Marvin Gardens – Christmas Wreath and Rack removed.
2. River View – Dan Smith reports that one 36-inch-wide Oak Tree was seen fallen and 3 more Oak Trees that were seen leaning also need to be cut. .
3. ^Dan says that currently there is a need to remove Dead Trees which have fallen due to the weather at various places in the park
4. Mountain View – No Discussion
5. Hech Weir – no discussion
6. Kittatinny -No discussion
7. Delaware & Lehigh Trail Upon motion by Bill Schwab and seconded by Dennis Pearson The Commission voted unanimously to place a 20 mile per hour speed  limit for bikes whether electric, gas or manual on the trail in normal conditions ... The suggestion had been 10 but Schwab found out that the State Police won't enforce the 10 mile per limit but will enforce the 20-mile limit when there to enforce it ... Schwab is not concerned about our ability to enforce or not enforce the limit, He is just concerned that there be a reminder that there is a speed limit, and that people might abide by it. At least most of them.
8. Golden Trail --- Concerning the Golden Trail ... Bill Schwab here is a good possibility that the State would pay for the construction of a dirt road aside the route of our proposed Golden Trail ... Meaning our costs for completing the Golden Trail connection to the D & L Trail would be reduced or Nil ... The road would connect with our social hall . And in addition with the situation at Kittatinny road it would provide an extra emergency or exit road from the area….. A big problem in most of the wilderness area is people dumping tires .. Garbage or solid waste is a problem, but it can be picked up ... It is harder to get at the tires which sometimes are dumped in still or moving water. Hopefully the construction of a dirt road might abate this situation if more people are around to witness this and report it.
9. Old Business

In regard to old business about the potential merger of the Parks Commission with the Recreation Board. That decision by Supervisors action will be put off to September.

15 New Business

Basically what was decided after discussion was that our workforce which is still working currently on an as needed basis would resume regular work March 18, 2024 on a three-day basis (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday)  with a fourth day as needed..

talked about the need of a new dump truck in the park as the old Dump Truck dedicated to the park is on its last legs.

. A workforce member said that there is a need to put up a rack to store and hold weed whackers on [the trail.to](http://trail.to/) make maintenance of the grounds easier - Brandon should be consulted for assistance to construct what is needed.

Toilet Service and Solid Wate Service should be restored with the official re-opening of the park in April.

A worker asked when will St. Luke’s Hospital have their Bike Ride their Park and have they applied for a permit --- The answer is – There is an application for the event from Annette Corwin representing St. Luke’s Hospital for June 1, 2024 in regard to 200 riders passing through Marvin Gardens and Riverview….

16-The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the community center.

17- Motion to adjourn by Hal Resh , seconded by Bill Schwab , Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m

Dennis Pearson

Secretary Pro Temp in absence of Victoria Taschner

PS - It is unknown whether this St. Luke’s event application had been approved by the Commission in November or would await approval to January since the absence of the November minutes. Because … The November 2023 meeting was to have a discussion on  2024 park crew wages/raises as well.