SOUTH HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 17th 2018

Members Attended: Chairman Chris Snyder, Vice-Chair Carol Fricke, Steve Mizak, Jane Iantosca, Michael Youngling, and Parks and Recreation Director- Jhane Kunkel (recorded meeting minutes)

Members Absent: Peter Murray, Michael Gourley

Public in Attendance: Supervisor Robert Cassel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Snyder at 7pm.

Public Comment:

Minutes of June 19th, 2018 Meeting:

Motion: Steve Mizak made the motion to approve the June 26th, 2018 meeting minutes with the purposed change to Jhane Kunkel being listed as her title as Parks and Recreation Director and not under Public in Attendance. Vice Chair Fricke seconded it.

Motion passed 5-0.

Park and Recreation Director’s Report:

- **Comprehensive Parks Plan/ Public Works and Parks and Rec List** - Vice-Chair Fricke informed the Board that it has been voted on and accepted by the Board of Supervisors. Parks Director Kunkel noted when the Supervisors approved the Parks Plan, they also encouraged Parks and Rec to immediately get bids for the remaining parks signs needed. Steve Mizak said he would look into who did the previous park signs and get estimates.

- Jhane Kunkel also noted there was one last change to be made to the Comp. plan regarding the name of the dirt-like material used in the infields. It should read “Diamond-Tex”, not “Dynatec” (Page 9).

- Parks Director Kunkel went on a fact finding mission with the Public Works Foreman, Greg Walters to go over the approved Comprehensive Parks Plan, making a check list:
1. **Brinser Park**- “Different strategies need to be devised to utilize this park...” Parks Director noted there is no power at the pavilion, water fountains (at all parks), not enough parking, no trash receptacles, and no porta-potty. It was also suggested to get grills installed to encourage people to rent the pavilion. “People are less likely to drive to a park if they have no means to go to the bathroom.” She suggests starting to have smaller events like Easter egg hunts at that park once a park sign is in place to show the neighborhood it’s a Township park. Chairman Snyder encouraged Jhane’s previous suggestion posting on Facebook bios to each park periodically. It would help introduce new people to the Township to each park. The last suggestion was to get a case big enough to hold an 8.5x11” sheet of paper for rentals and advertisement for pavilions (examples were provided).

2. **Greenbriar**- Chair Snyder suggested fixing the basketball court. The backboards can be sanded and painted, they are sturdy and do not need to be replaced. A suggestion to add to this park is a pavilion with electric for rent and a water fountain.

3. **Hanshue Park**- Public Works agreed to build a cover to enclose electrical outlets in the batting boxes. They also agreed to create a trail along the perimeter of the park. Since there is electric already at the park, it could be run to the pavilion. Security cameras are a MUST at this park. Keller and Hanshue suffer the most vandalism at nightfall. Parks Director Kunkel also advised that along with raising the backstop on the middle field to prevent fly balls into the playground, we should install shades that can be taken down seasonally (examples were provided).

4. **Keller Field**- A dumpster is needed to take down the old shed and old fitness equipment around the trail. In regards to the expansion towards the Swatara, Jhane informed they would need an environmental impact study. She reminded the Township just adopted the Swatara Watershed Agreement and it could be a violation of that agreement. The toddler swings need to be replaced. Public Works is going to attempt to fix the grills that are installed currently in the park (examples were provided for the cost of new). Steve Mizak said the parking lot already needs dragged out again (Public Works had dragged it out two weeks prior to the meeting).

5. **Little Meadow**- The roof needs to be repaired. Vice Chair Carol did not believe it needed redone at this time. Public Works would like to replace
it within the year. Michael Youngling agreed to go look at the pavilion’s roof and give his professional assessment (he is a roofer by trade). Public Works had discussed fixing the parking lot and widening it.

6. **Patriot Park**- It was suggested to get an enclosed board to hang information in safely that locks (examples were provided). The gazebo, despite having outlets, was not hooked up. Public Works agreed to get it working. Another breaker (for electric) needs to also be added for the future pavilions’ outlets and bathroom door auto-locks.

7. **Swatara** – (Everything is listed in the Comprehensive Parks Plan)

- **Parks Director’s “Bible”**: A binder-book has been started to hold every contact related to Parks and Recreation and to serve as a guide for everything done within the department.

- **Pickleball Update**- Vice Chair Carol updated that she was no longer looking at Greenbriar Park as an option for Pickleball, turning the basketball court into a universal court. She said the biggest reason was due to the noise level of the game. She suggested looking to place them behind the elementary school where the baseball fields previously were. The bidding process was discussed with Supervisor Cassel; advertised bids versus getting co-stars approved estimates. There was back and forth conversation about how many courts to push for and how much support would come from the Supervisors.

- **Community Gardens**- There is a meeting Thursday the 19th with the Hershey Community Garden to fact find about developing one in South Hanover. Supervisor Snyder suggested the location be near the Pickleball courts. The Parks Director and Steve Mizak said their concern was the constant management it will require once built.

- **Movie Night August 23rd – The Iron Giant**- Jhane Kunkel has setup the rain date for Fun Flix to run a movie as a back-to-school event. It is the same night as South Hanover Elementary’s Meet the Teacher so families can leave the school and come straight to the movie. Food will be available. Sweet Dawgs and RK Food Wreckers food trucks will be setup. Music and games will be setup. A youth fitness instructor will do something with children. There can be signups for Township classes at the event.
• **Fall Programming** – Discussed the rates of classes and payment for instructors. There is Yoga on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings, there is Youth Fitness Thursday evenings followed directly by a new family fitness class called Punk Rope. Zumba and Martial Arts are other options.  
  • Parks Director Kunkel mentioned the need to program things other than fitness classes, some of her suggestions were:
    1. STEM classes  
    2. Scrapbooking nights  
    3. Mommy and Me fun (like a cardboard box imagination class)  
    4. Babysitting nights for people to drop their kids off to go Christmas shopping for up to 3 hours  
  • Jane Iantosca suggested:
    1. Language lessons  
    2. Art classes  
  • Steve Mizak suggested free services like:
    1. Tax help  
    2. Safe Sitter  
    3. Senior Care Programs  
  • Vice Chair Carol suggested:
    1. Bus trips through Boscov’s Travel

**Updating Rental Forms**- Jane Iantosca updated rental forms. There was a brief discussion about adjusting prices for corporate use.

**National Parks and Recreation Month**- It’s National Parks and Recreation Month!

**National Night Out** - The event is August 7th at West Hanover Township. Jhane needed a list of volunteers and shirt sizes. East, West, and South Hanover planned this together.

**Adjournment**: Chairman Snyder made the motion to end the meeting at 8:05 pm and Steve Mizak seconded it.  
**Next Meeting**: September 18th, 2018, 7pm