

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2018

7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Hewitt at 7:00 P.M. who read aloud the following notice:

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News on January 11, 2018 and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on January 4, 2018. A copy of the notice was also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of these committees, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ROLL CALL

Present

Richard Dodds, Gov. Member
David Hewitt, Chair
Ronald Hartpence, V. Chair
Chuck Kolvites
Jennifer Eanucci
Jack Niececki
Heidi Diminick
Michael DeSapio

Absent

Sharon Lightner
Brian Obitz
Anthony Gioffre
Cynthia Niececki

Privilege of the Floor

Tim Jordan, KSL Soccer League coach, approached the Committee to follow up on the presentation given at the October meeting regarding re-developing the Kingwood Park soccer fields. He stated that to test the community interest in this project the League set up a Go Fund Me page which, to date, has raised \$1,003.00.

The plan is to work on one field at a time starting with the ‘Micro’ field. The League intends to install Astro-turf that would allow the opportunity for the children to play on at least one field

during wet conditions. It would also allow the League time to develop a long term plan for improving all fields.

Mr. Jordan presented data showing that Astro-turf is as safe, or safer, than grass with no expected change in insurance rates. He has requested the support for this project so that KSRL and Kingwood Township can work together toward field improvements. He asked the Committee to allow the League naming rights to the Micro field which they will use for raising funds for the project. Lastly, Mr. Jordan requested permission to allow signage advertising on the fence along the field. This will allow the soccer league the ability to solicit funds from local businesses for advertising.

Mayor Dodds stated that the Township engineer was asked to develop preliminary plans for re-working the largest soccer field at Kingwood Park. The estimated cost for this project, single field, would be \$214,755.00. Mr. Jordan noted that KSRL is aware that this large scope project is not attainable at this time but would like to still consider it a long term goal.

The Astro-turf field is a project they would like to begin immediately. The Go Fund Me goal is \$50,000.00 and the KSRL is asking Kingwood Township to match that in either funding or “In Kind” services.

Community members noted that as Kingwood Soccer League loses kids to other local programs they are losing the necessary money it takes to keep the program running. If the program can offer one field daily regardless of the weather the younger kids can play consistently and will hopefully continue in the future. With future growth redeveloping the large field may be a possibility.

Motion that the Kingwood Park and Recreation Committee Support the Kingwood Township Soccer League Conceptually in their Plans to: 1. Improve Soccer Fields at Kingwood Park Specifically Installing Astro-turf on the Micro Field. 2. To Grant Naming Rights to the Micro Field. 3. To Allow Signage Advertising Along Fence at the Micro Field With the Committee Retaining Final Approval.

It was moved by Chuck Kolvites and seconded by Heidi Diminick and carried to support Kingwood Township Soccer League conceptually in their plans to improve soccer fields at Kingwood Park specifically installing Astro-turf on the Micro field, granting naming rights of the micro soccer field and allowing advertising along the soccer field fencing with the Committee retaining final approval.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, Niciecki, DeSapio, Diminick, Kolvites
	Nay	- None
	Abstain	- Eannucci
	Absent	- Lightner

Ron Swanson, member of Boy Scout Troop #651, asked that he be permitted to build a kiosk at High Falls. Mayor Dodds clarified that High Falls area is managed by NJ Department of Fish and Game. Dave Hewitt offered to help connect Ron Swanson to the right people at that department. Mayor Dodds let Mr. Swanson know that if his planned project encounters obstacles to let this Committee know because the Township owns other pieces of property that could benefit from similar projects.

Horseshoe Bend Park/Ukarish Property Update

Mike Flood, Frenchtown resident, has been taking the dog waste trash from the Horseshoe Bend Park to the DPW for the past four years but is unable to continue. The Committee would like to see a resident who uses the Leash Free field regularly to volunteer to replace Mr. Flood.

Signs at Horseshoe Bend East have been removed/taken. A new sign has been ordered and DPW will affix it securely.

There are times when Horseshoe Bend Park must be closed for safety due to dangerous weather conditions specifically high winds but the Township has been receiving complaints about park access due to these closings. Mayor Dodds suggested that instead of closing the park during bad weather conditions the Township post a sign at the park stating the dangers of extreme weather conditions and that entering the park during such conditions is a personal risk and an individual's responsibility. Committee members suggested that the Township lawyer review the sign to ensure that by its posting the Township would not be liable for personal injury due to weather conditions.

Calendar of Events Scheduled for the Horseshoe Bend Park for November 2018:

Chairman David Hewitt reviewed the following scheduled events at Horseshoe Bend Park Del Val Terriers Jr. Cheer weeks of:

November

1st and 2nd – Del Val Terriers Jr Cheer (DVTC)

5th – DVTC

9th – 11th - North Jersey Kennel Club Dog Event

13th – 15th – DVTC

17th – DVTC

19th – 20th – DVTC

25th – Kindred Companions Dog Event

27th – 29th – DVTC

New and Pending Business

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes for the Parks and Recreation Committee

It was moved by Ronald Hartpence and seconded by Richard Dodds and carried to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 regular Meeting for the Parks and Recreation with noted typographical corrections.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, Niciecki, Eannucci, DeSapio, Diminick
Nay	- None
Abstain	- Kolvites
Absent	- Lightner

Motion to Approve to Reimburse Ian White for Music Lessons at the Kingwood School Program In the Amount of \$205.00 .00 for the month of October 2018

It was moved by Ronald Hartpence and seconded by Heidi Diminick and carried to approve the Amount of \$205.00 to Reimburse Ian White for Music Lessons at the Kingwood Township School for the Month of October 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, Kolvites, Niciecki, Eannucci, DeSapio, Diminick
Nay	- None
Abstain	- None
Absent	- Lightner

Kingwood Township Park/Applications/Updates
N/A

Old Business

Horseshoe Bend Park Keyless Entry System Quotes

Mayor Dodds discussed three quotes for a keyless entry lock system for the Horseshoe Bend Park Morton Building. The lowest of the three quotes was from GoKeyless at \$1923.56.

Motion to Accept the Proposal from “Go Keyless” for \$1,923.56 for a Keyless Entry Lock System for the Morton Building.

It was moved by Ronald Hartpence and seconded by Richard Dodds and carried to accept the Quote from “Go Keyless” for \$1,923.56 for the purchase of a keyless entry lock system for the Morton Building.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	- Dodds, Hewitt, Hartpence, Kolvites, Niciecki, Eannucci, DeSapio, Diminick
Nay	- None
Abstain	- None
Absent	- Lightner

Post Event Cleaning at Horseshoe Bend Park Morton Building
Tabled to December Meeting

Operations and Reports:

Park Director's Report

Jeffrey Frischer stated his concern that currently when Kingwood Park fields are closed to the public due to wet conditions that the field parking entrance is closed. If the proposed Astro-turf field enables play time during very wet conditions who will enforce non-use of all other fields if the park gate is open and there is no supervision.

The Committee agreed that obstacle would exist and would need to be addressed before opening the fields during wet conditions.

Budget Account Reports from Township CFO for August

Mayor Dodds reported that he spoke with the CFO regarding line item use and what specific funds can be used for. He has asked for that information in writing and will have it verified by the Township attorney.

Park and Rec In/Out Report for August

Reviewed.

Old Fairview School House

N/A

Bocce Update

N/A

Town-wide Yard Sale

Ronald Hartpence thanked everyone for their help with the Township-wide Yard Sale. He noted that three of five signs that were posted on Barbertown Pointe Breeze Rd. are missing.

Annual Senior Dinner at the Kingwood Methodist Church

Annual Senior Dinner – November 10, 2018 Kingwood Seniors.

Dinner will be open to the public for a fee from 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Annual Tree Lighting

December 1, 2018 DH updated committee on event. The pictures for the art contest will be picked up on 11/14 and will be brought back to the Municipal building for judging. Food donations have been requested and Dave Hewitt will pick upon the day of the event.

Committee volunteers will meet at the park for set-up at 1:00pm.

Donations

Correspondence

Other Matters

Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019

KTS PTA is hosting the Stuff your Face Race on Thanksgiving.

Spotted Lantern Flies have been spotted in the area.

Mayor Dodds reported that the Township was awarded a grant from the County for restoration of the White Church at Horseshoe Bend East. The Township would need to spend \$10,000.00 in order to receive \$30,000.00 grant funding which would put us in a position to receive \$100,000.00 from the County over a three year period.

Heidi Diminick suggested that an area within the Leash Free Dog area at Horseshoe Bend Park be fenced off for small dogs for dog safety.

Adjournment

It was moved by Chuck Kolvites and seconded by Jennifer Eannucci and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 P.M. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Tipton-Walters
Secretary, Parks and Recreation