

PARKS & RECREATION
EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP

August 22, 2017

MEETING Notes

1. Call to Order – 7:08pm. In attendance, Barbara Ann Thav, Amanda Snyder, Tim Phelps, Gail Keyes, John Nagel, Rich Orlo and Michelle Fanzano.
2. Approval of the July 25, 2017 meeting minutes: Could not approve because there is no quorum. Tim Phelps was not at the last meeting.
3. Discussions:
 - a. GVCO Report – Received a green light to start building.
4. Public Comment: none
5. Old Business:
 - a. Updates on Summer Camp Program
 - i. Discussion about reduction in number of campers. Last year there were 130 registered and 100 kids would attend. 85 were registered this year and 67 were in attendance. Myrec.com was used this year to register the campers. No complaints about not receiving a paper application. Michelle Fanzano said the website was successful. New activities with Randy the Juggler and a cartoonist were successful. John Nagel suggested a survey should go out to families to see why they did not come back and to see what can be approved. Tim Phelps suggested the sixth graders could

be CITs to learn leadership responsibilities. Tim Phelps suggested an early bird sign up special or a referral special to get more people to sign up.

- b. Update from the Open Space & Trails Committee: Tim Phelps stated that the recommendation is that the supervisors put money aside in the 2018 budget for a study to decide what is open space and what space we have. He suggested we identify a potential consultant. In February the county needs to apply for the vision partnership grant. If awarded the grant, activate the contract with selected consultant.
 - c. Update on Battle of the Clouds proposal from Mom's Club: no update
 - d. Swanenburg Property Phase 1 Project Update – storm water management phase. Discussion about sending out a survey to rename the park. Amanda Snyder suggested that the Historical board be consulted regarding possible names. The board agreed to ask all the boards for suggested.
 - e. Birch Road Park Project Update – awarding of project to Lechmanik, Inc of West Chester in the amount of \$68,026.00. We removed the two alternate bid items due to cost-three benches wer going to be \$1,500 each installed and the one trash receptacle was going to be \$1,900 installed. We will either leave the trash can that we currently use ther eand leave the two picnic tables for sitting at the park, or we will install a less expensive trash can and benches with our own crew.
6. New Business:
- a. Understanding Township policies & procedures around website communication, photography waiver, and event cancellation due to weather. Discussion included

using social media more frequently to communicate with residents. The township is working on this issue.

- b. Reminder that November/December meetings will be combined into one meeting on December 5 due to Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays
- c. Begin 2018 Budget Planning: John Nagel said we need to allocate money for projects such as the stairs in Valley Creek Park, updates to the tennis courts, trail connections, next phase of Valley Creek, etc.

7. Meeting Adjournment 8:35pm

Notes by Amanda Snyder