

Minutes of the Fox Township Recreational Board Workshop January 20, 2016 7:00pm

Those present: Don Ruffner, Roxanne Skryzpek, Robin Singer, Tom Young, Terry Krishart, Robin Guido, Ken Huey.

Visitors present: Barry Chioda – ECCHS, Rec. Board stated ECC will be responsible for lining their own fields, ECC requested practicing on Angela Huey field day before games are to be played. Cheryl Ruffner advised not to practice on this field due to a compaction problem. Cheryl explained when the field was redone, the base was rolled with a paving roller, topsoil added and sodded. This compaction created a problem whereas the root system cannot penetrate the hard surface. Therefore, the turf does not grow as well as it should. Deb was told a way to relieve this compaction would be deep tine aeration. Due to cost at the time, Deb aerated the field with the Township aerator with weight to cause the aerator to pull a deeper core. Standing on Fairview, you can see the middle of the field has a strip which grows better than the rest of the field. Deb's efforts worked to a degree. Don asked why they couldn't practice on Sinter Fire Field. Barry said ECC did lay out a regulation field at Sinter Fire in fall of 2015. Rec. Board agreed not to allow practice on Angela Huey field. ECC will referee for Fox Soccer as in the past. ECC will receive a key for the cage. ECC declined as they are using their own shed by the field.

Lori Mahoney said Deb always received Rec Soccer's mail at the Township. Kathy advised they can still do that or if they choose to get their own PO Box, whatever worked best for them. Don advised Lori to get a games schedule to Kathy.

Aaron Kronenwetter inquired of a small games of chance license through the Rec. Board. Kathy advised they could get their own license at the Courthouse, to check with Little League, maybe they could possibly go together.

Next for discussion was the Events schedule. All agreed to keep all events. Possible volunteer committee to head events.

Kids fishing derby was done with the Sportsman's around the last Saturday in April. Rec. Board provided food and prizes. Food was hot dogs, chips and pop.

Last day of school celebration, Pheaa kids here to help, was coordinated with both Fox Elementary schools.

Concerts in the Park, did four concerts with one being July 3rd Celebration.

Huey Family, Ken Huey, agreed to do the Angela Huey 5K Run. Rob questioned if two runs this year would be a good idea as they are becoming numerous. Rob suggested not doing the Memorial Fund race due to the lack of participation and all the other races going on.

The Cruise In was done by George Mattiuz at the Community Park. It was well attended. Don would try to contact George to see if he would be willing to do it this year. Everyone thought it was during July each year.

Don asked Cheryl and Kathy if they would head the Volunteer committee. Both agreed they would help.

Don asked Kathy if she would solicit quotes for July 3rd Celebration for fireworks. Kathy needed to check on liability requirements from the Supervisors before soliciting quotes.

Concerts in the Park, Roxanne asked the cost of concerts. Under Spectator Recreation, \$12,000 was budgeted for fireworks and \$3,000 for Concerts in the Park. In 2015, the concerts were 4 Friday's in July with one of the concerts at the July 3rd celebration.

The July 3rd celebration was bands, fireworks, go karts. In 2016 the Rec. Board budgeted \$10,000 for Fireworks. A motion to solicit quotes for fireworks for \$10,000 was made by Rob, Second: Terry, Motion carried. The Board discussed the liability issue of insurance 3M vs. 10M. Board agreed to stay with 10M.

March 27th is Easter. In the past the Scouts hid the eggs,(eggs done by the FTVFD Ladies Auxiliary), at the park weather permitting. Several age groups were given an area within the park to search for eggs. Then the kids saw Easter Bunny. This changed a bit from year to year, due to the weather. Sometimes it had been held at Firehall and Community Building.

Tom Young commented he would like a list needed for each event and delegate from there.

Maintenance: Rubber at Playland is very bad. Needs repaired, hasn't been for 4-5yrs. Men's room door needs replaced. Men's room floor needs replaced, possibly epoxy coated. Board agreed to solicit quotes on removing old tile and replacing with epoxy coating. Don asked whether to lock the bathroom doors for winter, effective 1-25-2016, Rob would post a notice on doors prior to locking. Could the Road Crew help in repairing the door?

Basketball hoops still need repaired. Melvin Dinsmore and Jamie Dowie donated work to stabilize one pole. It was done in 2015. Tom Young said the pole was improved after the work was done, but, could be fixed a bit more.

Rob stated the upstairs of the Concession stand needed a CO2 detector.

Kathy advised the Board the women's bathroom stalls were showing some rust. Rob agreed to inspect both bathrooms' stalls.

The stairs leading to the second floor of the Park office need to have some grip tape on them, maybe the Road crew could do that as weather permits.

The Board would like to move forward with grading and planting between the area between the Township Building and the Park. It was thought this could be a good area for 1 practice field. Roxanne agreed to be on the seeding committee.

Ceramic molds and kilns. Was ceramics offered in 2015? Laurie Mahoney said her daughter had a class in 2015. Don said the ceramic molds need inventoried to see if could be sold or what to do with them. Board will decide after inventory.

Rob advised the Board that the wooden shed is not up to code for a concession stand.

Don questioned what teams use the Toby Field, Little League or Girl's Softball? Both use it.

Rob was to ask Jesse Beimel if Little League did their scheduling in 2015. The Rec. Board would not be involved with Haller Field.

Maintenance on equipment was discussed. It was noted John Penn, Road Crew personal, did it.

Concession Stand. Little League runs their own, has their own supply. Little League takes care of all their own needs.

Rec. Soccer begins in May and ends latter part of June. It was questioned, who is going to run the concession stand for what events? Should a fee be charged to use the concession stand?

Park Programs: Where was the interest from the kids? Should have a minimum to sign up to run each program. The Board is hope a new person will bring new ideas along with implementing past park programs.

Kathy presented a job description to the Board from Dave Mattiuz, Township Supervisor for the Rec. Boards input. Rob thought splitting the (2) Directors into day and possibly some night shifts would alleviate the concerns of the "Go to" person. Board inquired as to the time frame when the Directors would start.

Kathy will put a calendar on the Township website to keep everyone informed for scheduling.

Trap Club was mentioned, as there is a large stock of supplies in the garage. Kathy said it was a very popular club. She would ask Craig Barr if he would be interested in heading this club in 2016.

Fun Friday Club was at off site locations. Kathy would ask the Supervisors their thoughts on this.

Kathy stated the Park Programs were driven by the Pheaa workers. They would do those programs that were relative to their education. It could vary form year to year.

Terry stated that background checks are necessary. Roxanne would want a resume with references listed. Dave Mattiuz would present the job description at the next Township Supervisors mtg. February 3, 2016.

Next Rec. Board mtg. will be February 2, 2016. Motion to adjourn, Rob, Second: Roxanne.

After adjournment, it was noted about the Sponsorship letters, to continue sending them out. Tom wants to do again. Tabled until February mtg.