

Manor Township Park & Recreation Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

The Manor Township Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manor Township Municipal Building located at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Vice-Chairman Maher Hattar led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Andy Lebo, Josh Barben, Maher Hattar, Dan Fisher, Matt Eberts
Members Absent: Courtney Barry, Edward Rand

Dan Fisher made a motion to appoint Edward Rand as Chairman. Maher Hatter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Andy Lebo made a motion to appoint Maher Hatter as Vice Chairman. Matt Eberts seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Maher Hatter made a motion to appoint Andy Lebo as Secretary, Matt Eberts seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Vice-Chairman Maher Hattar motioned to approve the October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Josh Barben so motioned, and Dan Fisher second and the motion carried unanimously.

Business From The Floor – No business to review.

New Business –

Mr. Harris asked the Board to give any feedback on park improvements that they see would enhance our parks. Mr. Harris gave a few examples below:

- Soccer and Baseball Fields - The Township is asking the Board for any recommendations for adding more Soccer and Baseball fields.
- Sand Volleyball Courts - There are two at Charlestown Park and one at Greider Park. At this time the Township is not seeing much activity at the courts. There has been some thought of putting something else in its place. Chairman Rand had discussed with Mr. Harris the possibility of a Pickle Ball Court. Mr. Harris suggested removing the Sand Volleyball Court at Charlestown Park and replacing it with a Pickle Ball Court.

Mr. Eberts made the comment that their family plays tennis often. At Manor Middle the public cannot get on the courts since the schools use it for practice. Mr. Lebo inquired about having a

dual use for a court, Pickle Ball and Tennis. Mr. Lebo also inquired about reaching out to the schools with a survey to see where the interest in sports is currently. Depending on the results of the survey would determine if there were a need for more fields.

Mr. Fisher commented with regards to the fields, there is not many public fields that are not being used by Clubs. There is a lot of open area but not a lot of specific areas to play soccer because they are reserved for the Clubs. Another issue is the lack of lighting at any of the fields.

Mr. Harris stated the lighting situation is a little tricky, because by ordinance our parks hours are Sunrise to Sunset. In order to change this the Township would need to create legislative change to be able to make the lighting situation change.

Mr. Lebo commented that having streams near our parks and using that leverage to our advantage. Also making sure that the streams stay clean and clear of clutter. Mr. Harris commented that Millersville University has an event called the "Day of Caring" for two years they have helped in the area of clean up around the streams/creeks area. When the Township developed Blue Rock Park and put the canoe and kayak launch down there, that is giving the opportunity to the park that no other feature has been given the park.

Mr. Harris made a presentation of goals that were accomplished during 2021 and future goals for 2022.

- In 2021 the Township had 83,000 users down on the Rail Trail.
- The Township had 315 children registered in our Summer Recreational Program.
- The Turkey Hill Country Classic the numbers were lower in 2021 as compared to previous years. The Township only had a running as an option for 2021. For 2022 it will be very similar to what it was in 2021. Turkey Hill is pulling back from the Corporate Sponsorship; however, the Township is wanting to have some type of support from Turkey Hill in order to keep the branding on. Vice-Chairman Hatter inquired about how small businesses could partner with the Turkey Hill Country Classic.
- The Township also rents pavilion to the residents. In 2021 it was the most pavilion renters that the Township has ever had. The Township hit the 300 mark for pavilion renters.
- The Public Works Department built a second Pavilion at the Blue Rock Park. The first pavilion is right beside the parking lot and playground, but the Township does not rent this one. The new pavilion was built in the Summer of 2021, and once the paving has occurred it will be ready for rentals.

- Over the Summer the transfer station that the Lancaster Solid Waste Authority owns and operates were having severe structural problems with their concrete. The trash that was going there had to be rerouted, which increased truck traffic in the Township. As a result of this increased traffic LCSWMA gave a donation of \$15,000 toward playground equipment in the areas impacted. The money that was contributed was a rock-climbing wall for the Washington Boro Park and Tot Lot playground equipment for the Creswell Park.
- In 2022 the Township's goal is to complete the Safe Harbor Trestle Bridge. The Township is working on getting a kiosk to display information about the bridge. Vice-Chairman Hatter suggested a QR Code, and it will be included on the construction panel.
- Another project that is in the works for 2022 is the Blue Rock Park Paving. The Township is planning on paving the parking lot.
- The American Recovery Plan Act, the federal government has sent some money to the Township to utilize. The Township is trying to use some of that money to make things safer in our community particularly in parks. The Public Works saw the number of boys and girls enrolled in our Summer Recreation program; we are opening up a playground in Washington Boro to host one of these groups. The Public Works took the gaga pit that was at Eagle Path Park and moved it to the Washington Boro Park so it can be utilized in the Summer.
- Restrooms will be equipped with hand dryers and soap dispensers.
- The Township will be exploring the possibility of adding restrooms to parks that do not have those facilities.

Mr. Lebo commented about the Rail Trail and a suggestion was made about placing your cell phones in an area where you can take selfies. With the landscaping it would be a nice place to take pictures.

Mr. Fisher asked about a completion date for Bridge opening. Because of different construction challenges that have occurred it looks it might not be in until June. Mr. Lebo inquired about the fencing staying up until the project is completed. Mr. Harris believes that the Township can secure the bridge at Mile 5 (perpendicular to the fence) and take delineated fence down.

Mr. Harris spoke about parking at the Rail Trail. The Township plans to move the fence in the parking area over and then double the parking area.

Turkey Hill Country Classic – May 7, 2022

Mr. Harris commented that an email will be sent to the Park & Recreation Board when the meeting will be scheduled for planning purposes.

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Hatter entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Fisher so motioned, Josh Barben seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Lebo
Secretary

Recording Secretary
Adrienne Kautz