

## Manor Township Park & Recreation Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The Manor Township Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manor Township Municipal Building located at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Chairman Edward Rand 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

Josh Barben made a motion to appoint Edward Rand as Chairman. Andy Lebo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Edward Rand made a motion to appoint Maher Hatter as Vice Chairman. Josh Barben seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Andy Lebo made a motion to appoint Josh Barben as Secretary. Dan Fisher seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – Chairman Edward Rand motioned to approve the October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes as submitted. Matt Eberts so motioned, and Maher Hatter second and the motion carried unanimously.

**Business From The Floor** – No business to review.

### **New Business** –

Mr. Harris made a presentation to the Board to review what has been accomplished in 2022 and also casting the vision for 2023:

- Blue Rock Park – The Public Works did construct a second pavilion that is available for reservation. Parking lot paving, and line striping were completed in 2022. Plans are being made for the construction of a permanent restroom.
- Safe HarborTrestle Bridge – A highlight for 2022 was the opening of the bridge on June 2. The bridge opening now creates a 19 mile trail starting at Turkey Hill to Quarryville Borough.
- Moonlight Ride - The Moonlight Ride was held on November 7 and was a very well attended event. It has been estimated that 300-400 people participated.

The Township gave out shirts to riders. Parking became a challenge with the large number of participants.

Chairman Ed Rand asked if we are planning on holding another the Moonlight Ride? Mr. Harris commented that we would like to host a Moonlight Ride again in the near future.

- Turkey Hill Country Classic - Many of the Park and Recreation Board serve at, in 2022 the number of participants was 267. At this time the Township is not looking to do the bicycle event but just do the running event in 2023.
- Summer Playground - Mr. Harris commented that the Summer Playground has just grown tremendously. The Township opened up a third location at the Washington Boro Park. The Township staff has been talking about how to make it enticing for parents to register their children at Washington Boro to help spread out the number of participants.
- Pavilion Rentals - Our pavilion rentals were down slightly from the previous year. The Township rented 246 pavilions. As a reminder Manor Township citizens pay \$40.00 per rental, residents who do not live in the Township pay \$125.00 for rental.

Mr. Harris made a presentation of the 2023 goals:

- Pickleball Court – Mr. Harris discussed the construction sequence of converting the sand volley ball courts into Pickle Ball Courts. The project will create three courts, and add benches around the perimeter of the courts. Mr. Harris goal is that the court will be finished and ready once Summer Playground starts.
- Disc Golf – The Public Works department had some brief discussions with the Lancaster Disc Golf Club. The Lancaster Disc Golf Club has come up with some ideas to really improve the course.
- Rail Trail – The Public Works department is discovering that the use is so high that we can't accommodate the parking, we currently have 75 slots. The goal is 2023 is to take the fence where the parking lot and move it over towards the river, and then expand the parking lot. Chairman Rand asked if there was any land off to the right that we could expand to. Mr. Harris said there isn't any other property that is available. Public Works created an access near the Safe Harbor Dam, one of the items that has been keeping the Township from promoting that to our community is to work with Norfolk Southern. They have the active trail rail line which is parallel to us. This winter Mr. Harris was able to get fence installed, the Township should in the next few weeks have signs put up that says "Enola Low Grade Trail Access." Mr. Fisher inquired about the

bike repair station. The Public Works department is going to install a bike repair station right at the beginning of trail.

Chairman Rand inquired about the exercise stations at Herr Park. Mr. Harris stated that they are well used.

The Park and Recreation committee did comment on how well the Public Works teams takes pride in their work and the parks. The Public Works department has 11 full time and 4 part-time employees.

Turkey Hill Country Classic May 6, 2023

Mr. Harris commented that Mr. Strohecker asked Mr. Harris to present the date to the committee. Mr. Strohecker will be sending out an email when the planning meeting is to happen.

Mr. Hatter suggested about outsourcing that event to other businesses and perhaps seeing how that would pan out.

Mr. Lebo commented about putting it out there to the Public if you are interested in co-sponsoring the event to let the Township know. The other item is having the church for warmth and comfort, verses if you are at the Rail Trail you don't have access to any indoor facilities.

Another item that was brought up was payment, having Venmo and Square D available, not everyone carries cash/checks with them anymore.

Mr. Fisher stated that it is has lost that community event, it is mostly a runner's event.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Barben  
Secretary

Recording Secretary  
Adrienne Kautz