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MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2020

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on July 21, 2020 with the Zoom meeting platform beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Marco Tustanowsky, Cynthia Jones, James Bender, Kathi Sexton, Nancy Jones, David Turcich and Ashton Bender. Also, in attendance was Jo Ann Lapp, New Britain Township Staff.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2020: Upon motion by Mrs. N. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Sexton the February 18, 2020 minutes were approved as written.

2. Cotton Park Presentation: Chris Green, Gilmore and Associates was present to discuss the Cotton Park project. He reviewed the entire plan for the Board. The focus for tonight's meeting was the "destination playground" and what type the Board would like to see in the park. The area for the playground is large and should be the focal piece of the park. The Board discussed four different types of playground equipment, vertical, futuristic, natural material and organic form. After discussion, the Board decided to recommend an all-inclusive playground with sensory themed interactive activities. Mr. Green will work with that recommendation and move the project forward.

3. Open Space Evaluation: Margaret Briggs and Ken Jones joined the Board to discuss their open space report. Mrs. Briggs gave an overview of the report. Her and Mr. Jones visited the open space sites. They feel these sites need to be protected from any outside threats that may use the land for something other than open space. Mrs. Briggs told the Board that 90% of the sites have everything needed for a wildlife sanctuary. Mr. Bender asked if any of the sites were better for wildlife than others. Mrs. Briggs said some of the sites are not appropriate for wildlife. Mr. Turcich added some of the parcels are stormwater maintenance for developments, therefore need no protection.

Mrs. C. Jones stated volunteers could be used to help clean up these areas by getting rid of invasive plants and bringing in native plants. Mr. Jones agreed stating there are many volunteers wanting to help their community.

After discussion, the Board agreed to look at each property, one at a time.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. C. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Sexton and unanimously approved, Britain Woods Circle Open Space will be on the September agenda.

4. Other Business: Mrs. C. Jones told the Board that it was decided by the Board of Supervisors to cancel the Fall Festival. Instead they would like to have an event to foster good feelings in the community that can be done with no contact. Mrs. N. Jones suggested a food drive. Ms. McCabe mentioned that a food drive was just held very successfully in the Township parking lot. Mrs. C. Jones asked the Board to think about it and bring ideas to the next meeting. She will send an e-mail to the Board members explaining her request.

Mr. Bender thanked the Board of supervisors, Ms. Bradley and Mrs. Lapp for the “mini” July 4th parade. He said it was well received by the residents. Mrs. N. Jones agreed and added that it went all over the Township.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Adjournment: MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tustanowsky, seconded by Mrs. N. Jones and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bender, Chairman

Jo Ann Lapp, Secretary