

Jackson Township Recreation Commission
Meeting
March 20, 2007

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Karl Smith at 7:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance: 7:05 pm

Board Members Present: Darrin Brown, Tim Davis, Alfred George, Walt George, John Lythgoe, Regina Markovich, Al Pagano, Eric Reitler, Karl Smith, Kelly Lundgren

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Approval of February Minutes: Darrin Brown made a motion to approve the February minutes as read; Eric Reitler seconded the motion; minutes approved.

Items of Discussion:

1. Master Recreation, Parks & Open Space Plan: T. Davis reviewed the plan and made a motion to recommend to the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors that they approve the Master Recreation, Parks & Open Space Plan as the official document and plan for Jackson Township. John Lythgoe seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.
2. Master Recreation, Parks & Open Space Plan Grant was closed out.
3. Jackson Township Playground Safety Audit from Pashek Associates on file.
4. Chickaree Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club Lease was signed for a 5 year period.
5. Pashek Associates 2007-2008 Grant Application: Matching grant fund \$130,000.00 will be sent to DCNR this week. Grant Application will include requests for 3 large pavilions at Mitchell Field behind the basketball court; 1 small pavilion opposite the concession stand; Lighting for Mitchell ball field #1; Bleachers for Mitchell ball field #2
6. Central Cambria Midget Football League requested use of Leidy Park from Jackson Twp and the Recreation Commission. Permission given to use the lower field at Leidy for practice and games.

7. Bio Diversity Project – Leidy Park There will be a meeting Thursday March 22 at the township building to discuss the project with Jack Keilman.
8. Playground Equipment and Improvements at Leidy Park: Playground equipment will be installed when the weather breaks.
9. Veteran’s Park Lighting and Electrical Project – grant money closed out
10. Ethics forms need completed – members must submit
11. Central Cambria Recreation Map (Central Cambria Coalition) : Draft Map has been completed but has not been received; maps will be paid by sponsors
12. Grass Cutting – Discussed Spring as time for grass cutting; Township will take over the grass cutting at the fields and will be buying a mower to accomplish the task. Will need to send the Supervisors a letter stating the need to begin grass cutting soon. Al George made a motion to write the Supervisors a letter regarding the grass cutting and purchase of a mower. Eric Reitler seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.
13. Port A Johns – Port A Johns will be in place before Easter; Tim Davis suggested inquiring about handicap Port A Johns
14. Fishing Derby: John Lythgoe gave a report on the Fishing Derby to be held on May 5, at Woodland Park. (sponsored by the Jackson Twp Rod and Gun Club.) Prizes and trophies have been received. Prizes will be given to children 12 and under. Time schedule is as follows: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm: ages 12 and under; 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm: ages 12-16; Sunday May 6 for all adults; After Sunday, the fish will become the property of Woodland Park. Walt George suggested writing a Thank-You letter to the owner of Woodland Park. R. Markovich will draft and send the letter.
15. 2007-2008 Americorps Program Application– Committee discussed the current position held by Kelly Lundgren and the benefits of the program. Many activities have taken place with plans for more activities in the spring and summer. There have been positive comments made by the public regarding the activities this past year. Committee members expressed the need for continuation of this position and a unanimous vote was cast by all members of the committee to recommend hiring of an Americorps individual to serve as a Recreation Activities Coordinator for the Recreation Commission. A motion was made by Walt George to write a letter to the Supervisors to implement the necessary paperwork to acquire an individual to assume this position. Motion seconded by John Lythgoe. Regina Markovich will draft a letter and send to the Supervisors.

16. Mitchell Park Update and Maintenance Items: Al Pagano is requesting \$1500.00 for the ETJ baseball league for additional supplies, electricity etc. Darrin Brown requested the installation of fence crown for chain link fence at the fields. Will check into previous minutes regarding length and cost.
17. Leidy Park Update and Maintenance Items: none
18. Veteran's Park Update and Maintenance Items: Committee members discussed the possibility of using the platform being built to use at the Heritage Festival for concerts being planned by the Recreation Commission. John Lythgoe will talk to Dave Hirko regarding this possibility. Committee members also discussed the possibility of obtaining a water fountain for Veteran's Park. Motion was made by Tim Davis and seconded by Eric Reitler to request a water fountain at Veteran's Park.
19. Events and Activities Update – Kelly Lundgren gave a report on the events and activities held and currently plan. (See attachment of activities)
20. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John Lythgoe and seconded by Eric Reitler. The Jackson Township Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:50 pm. Next meeting will be held April 17 and will include a tour of all 3 parks. Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at Veteran's park if weather permitting. Otherwise, meeting will be held at the township building.

Submitted by:

Regina Markovich, Secretary