

**Jackson Township Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 19, 2011

Called to order by: Denny Grove at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

X	Denny Grove	X	Alfred George		Al Pagano		Marty Bezek	X	John Lythgoe
X	Tracey Heeney		Terri Modic	X	Brett Hoffman	X	Al Boring		

Others in Attendance: None

Approval of meeting minutes from March 15, 2011. Motion by Alfred George, second by Brett Hoffman

Old Business:

Easter Egg hunt event has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 23 at noon. It was originally scheduled for April 16th and cancelled due to inclement weather. All members are urged to help out with the setup slated to start at 10am at Mitchell Park.

The new township Pavilion Policy is now approved and currently being displayed on the township website.

The Fishing Derby “stocking of the fish” will be held on Monday, May 2nd at 9 am. All members available to help are asked to call John Lythgoe. Over \$1,800 worth of prizes for the kids has been acknowledged with over 200 youth anglers expected to be there.

New Business:

Recreation information provided by Dave Hirko was read to the board. The following was reviewed:

- ETJ Baseball has requested the townships approval on constructing two player dugouts at the Leidy Lane field. Information provided was the email request from Paul Wyrwas, ETJ Secretary. A list of materials required and acknowledgment that members of the league will volunteer to construct the dugouts. Also, specified was the materials that would cost approximately \$600. The Long Barn will donate at least \$100 towards the materials. Denny Grove made a motion for the Recreation Commission support and recommend approval from the township supervisors. Alfred George seconded the motion.
- It was acknowledged that Snyder Excavating donated and delivered much needed gravel for behind the backstops and dugouts at Mitchell Park fields.
- Al Boring acknowledged the much needed work on the field at Leidy Lane was being done by a group led by Brian Peterman and some of the softball parents. The previous condition of the field was definitely a safety issue for the softball players. The work has been carried out over the last few weeks and will continue. Al also indicated the field is in dire need of loom dirt.

- The township received favorable feedback forms from community members that recently went on the township sponsored bus trip to NYC. Suggestions were made to look into additional trips to locations such as; Washington DC., Pittsburgh River Casino, and retail shopping locations.
- The 1st Annual Heritage Parade is being organized for July 16th in Vinco to run in conjunction with the upcoming Heritage Festival. The event is slated to start at 1 pm. A flyer is available in the township office or on the township website promoting the event. Bands and organizations are being sought after for the parade.

John Lythgoe has indicated that he has spoken to other township officials and some community members regarding a potential recreational area we should look into developing. This area is located in Lorrain Town outside of Nanty-Glo. The land is currently being restored (from its previous strip mine state) and is expected to be completed in the near future. John indicated he would like to see a pond built to be utilized for fishing and other recreation activities. Restrictions, such as dam height, would need to be looked into. He also indicated he would like the Recreation Committee to visit the site and speak with families in the surrounding area for their feedback. Further discussion slated for an upcoming meeting.

A discussion was initiated by Tracey Heeney on the possibility of looking into the development of a township Recreation Center. It was mentioned the township has looked into it a few years ago but was uncertain of the status. Further discussion was tabled with the possibility of the Recreation Committee looking into performing a feasibility study.

Park Updates:

Al Boring informed the committee the Pavilion Policy has been approved and is now available to the public. At the time of this meeting we have two groups that have requested reservations. Al has developed a schedule which will be used to indicate reservation dates and times. This schedule will also be used as a communication link between the Recreation Committee and the township office.

Township Events and Activities:

The Jackson Township Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at noon at Mitchell Park

Fishing Derby to be held on Saturday, May 7th at 9 am.

1st Annual Heritage Parade is slated for July 16, 2011 starting at 1 pm.

Other Matters:

None

Public Comments:

N/A

**Motion to adjourn by: John Lythgoe - 2nd by Brett Hoffman
The Jackson Township Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:46 pm.**