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DATE: November 16, 2023

TO: Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC)

FROM: Susan Wheeler, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Board Meeting Room
Patton Township Offices
100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA 16803

Please note that this meeting will be hybrid, and a zoom link is provided for attendees who will attend virtually.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4843545752>

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Our agenda for the Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosed are the minutes from the October Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC). These minutes should be reviewed and accepted.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE POSTED AGENDA

At this time, the Chair may announce and/or ask the Committee members for the addition of agenda items that are not already on the agenda.

Any Committee member wishing to add an item to the agenda shall ask for recognition by the Chair and shall make a motion to add an item, including stating the nature of the item and reason

for changing the agenda. If the motion is seconded, the Chair shall oversee discussion and a vote on the motion to add the item. If the motion is approved by a majority vote of the individuals present and voting, the item shall be added to the agenda and the Chair shall determine the placement of the added item within the meeting agenda.

4. BERNEL ROAD PARK PHASES 2A/2B - PUMP TRACK

The construction of Phases 2A/2B of the Bernel Road Park project is substantially complete with some minor items to be fully completed in spring of 2024. One element of the Phases 2A/2B project was the construction of two (2) dirt pump tracks (one small beginner track for children and one intermediate track which is larger).

During the construction bidding process, the base bid included the construction of the pump tracks with dirt and an add/alternate for paving the facility. The cost to pave the pump track exceeded the available budget for the project and the paving add/alternate was not accepted as part of the construction project with the contractor.

Recently, township staff was approached by Mr. Ronnie Napolitan, a Centre Region resident, and an interested member of the local biking community to discuss the possibility of launching a fundraising campaign to raise funds to pave the new pump track at Bernel Road Park. At the October RAC meeting, the Committee discussed this issue and asked staff to invite Mr. Napolitan to the November RAC meeting.

Mr. Napolitan will attend the meeting and give a presentation about paving and maintenance of the facility. Additionally, Mr. Napolitan will discuss the budget needed to pave the pump tracks and he will present a proposal for fundraising.

The Committee should accept Mr. Napolitan's presentation, discuss the possibility of a fundraising effort, and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. If the Committee chooses to proceed with a recommendation to the Board, this item will be placed on a Board agenda in January 2024.

5. BERNEL ROAD PARK PHASES 2A/2B CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction began on the Bernel Road Park Phases 2A/2B on June 5, 2023. Construction was deemed substantially complete on November 10, 2023.

These new phases will be closed to the public until the spring of 2024. There are large areas that have been seeded and mulched that need to be established in grass. Additionally, the pump track will be closed for the winter to ensure that the dirt construction can stabilize and not degrade through premature use of the facility.

The grand opening of the new section of the park will be planned for the spring of 2024. Staff suggest that the date for this event occur in May of 2024, on the regularly scheduled date of the RAC Spring Parks Tour (May 21, 2024).

6. GREEN HOLLOW PARK – REQUEST TO PLACE A FIELD HOCKEY NET

Mr. Evan Smith, Program Director of the Blue Lions Field Hockey Club approached staff about placing a field hockey net in a permanent location in Green Hollow Park for teen aged field hockey players to use for practice.

Ms. Wheeler indicated to Mr. Evans that the request should be made to the RAC. The Committee requires that requests for new amenities to parks show that a majority of park users are in favor of the addition. Two (2) similar requests have been made to the Committee in the past. Those

requests were from Centre Soccer (to erect a movable shed in Circleville Park to store soccer equipment) and from CrossCountrySkiPA (to groom trails in Circleville Park and the adjoining Haugh Family Farm Preserve). The Committee approved both these requests.

Mr. Smith will attend the meeting and give a short presentation on his request. The Committee should discuss the request and decide how they would like to proceed.

7. OAKWOOD PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

One piece of the original play equipment in Oakwood Park is aging and has been plagued by some recent vandalism. Funding has been earmarked in the 2024 budget for the replacement of this piece.

The Committee visited the park during the Fall Parks Tour. The Committee should discuss the process they would like to follow to identify a replacement piece (ie. neighborhood survey), budget and timeline.

8. GHANER DRIVE PARKLET SURVEY FENCING RECOMMENDATION

At the September 13, 2023 Board meeting, Ms. Chelsea Mali addressed the Board of Supervisors and requested additional fencing be installed in Ghaner Drive Parklet.

The Board referred this request to the RAC and asked for a recommendation on adding additional fencing to Ghaner Drive Parklet. The Committee discussed this item at their October 17, 2023 RAC meeting. They recommended that no additional fencing be installed and this recommendation was provided to the Board.

The Board received the recommendation at their November 15, 2023 board meeting and unanimously agreed that no additional fencing will be installed in Ghaner Drive Parklet.

9. DECEMBER MEETING DATE

The December RAC meeting has often been held at 12 noon, instead of in the evening. The December meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Ms. Wheeler would like to request that the meeting be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The Committee should discuss the December meeting date and the time of day they would prefer to meet.

10. REGIONAL PARKS (CRPRA) UPDATE

Ms. Solic will provide an update.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

cc: Amy Farkas, Township Manager
Patton Township Board of Supervisors Members
Kristy Owens, Director, CRPR
Jim Carpenter, Parks Supervisor, CRPR