

South Fayette Township

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

February 5, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:00 PM by Carl Helbling
2. **ROLL CALL** - Carl Helbling -Ron Miller -Deb Whitewood - -Mary Chambon
-Barb Senatore -Tim Mantick -Jason Mount -Paula Willis

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve January 2019 minutes by Barb, seconded by Jason. All in favor.

4. **PERSONS REQUESTING TIME & CORRESPONDENCE** – none

5. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Park Rules & Contracts-in process. (see New Business)

B. Eagle Garden-moving the statue to the fla pole will be put on the BOC agenda for the next meeting.

C. SF Baseball & Softball Association- Paula reported that the Morgan Park Concession Stand RFP was tabled by the Board of Commissioners as they felt this should be handled in house. Tim reported that Ray from the Lion's Den will help out by ordering supplies. He may become a member of the SFBSA Board. He may profit off of this arrangement, but may send profits back to the SFBSA. Paula indicated the commissioners had mixed questions on the reasoning for why the RFP was being brought forward and that they may have an issue with a company running a for profit business from within a township owned building. Paula felt that the commissioners did not have a full understanding of what the SF Baseball & Softball Association was looking to do with bringing in an outside vendor to run the concession stand and requested that Tim attend the next BOC meeting to explain further.

D. Storage building at Fairview-Paula explained that the BOC had voted to have the storage unit that was currently being built torn down as the location was not approved. She further explained that last year, while Butch was the township manager, the commissioners approved an \$18,000 expenditure on the purchase of this storage unit to house public works equipment, such as the tractors to mow the grass at Fairview Park, and other equipment, including PR equipment. Butch & Paula made the decision to have it built on the Fairview basketball court as a way to save money.

Paula said that John Barrett, the new township manager, made the suggestion that instead of tearing down the building, that it could be repurposed as a pavilion. A discussion ensued over the pros and cons of having the storage building at Fairview Park, the placement of the unit at the entrance of the park, the need for storage space for Parks and Recreation equipment which is currently stored outside, etc. Ron Miller brought up the fact that the placement of this structure, as well as the placement of the gazebo at Morgan Park near the pickle ball court, was never brought to the PR Board for discussion and suggestions. Some members of the Parks & Recreation board raised the opinion that this kind of dilemma could have been averted if the PR Board had been

consulted for a recommendation. These members also have questioned, what is the function of this board if not to make suggestions on things that will affect the parks and recreation facilities in South Fayette? A suggestion was made to have the township manager attend the next PR meeting to ask him to clarify what the purpose and function of the PR Board actually is. Paula indicated that going forward issues that affect the parks and recreational facilities and programs will be brought to the PR Board.

Tim Mantick made a motion to ask the Board of Commissioners to reconsider tearing down the storage unit at Fairview Park and to either continue to use it as a storage building or repurpose it as a pavilion. Barb seconded the motion. Vote: All PR Board members were in favor of this motion. Jason will draft a letter to the BOC to reflect the PR Board's recommendation on the storage facility.

E. No Hunting Signs at Preservation Park- Paula reported that the signs were placed.

F. Parks Master Plan- see Director's Report

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Contracts-** Via email Paula had provided the board with draft copies of the agreements between the SF Soccer Association and the SF Baseball & Softball Association. The board felt the drafts were appropriate.
- B.
- C. **Women's Softball League-** Deb indicated that there was an interest in forming a women's softball league in the township. Deb had suggested that the leadership contact Paula.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Parks Master Plan Timeline- At the end of February the draft will be ready. HRG will attend the PR meeting on March 6. The PMP will then be distributed to the BOC and the public. HRG will be invited to the BOC meeting on April 10th at 7PM to present the plan to the commissioners. The PR Board and the PMP Committee is encouraged to attend this meeting in support of the PMP.

B. Swings- Paula attended the Play for Change conference. She applied for a grant for Expression Swings, two person swings that encourage interaction. SF was awarded the grant which will pay in full for two swings, one a parent/infant Expression swing, and one an Expression Universal swing which can be used by people with disabilities and a friend/caregiver.

C. CITF Grant-Paula is applying for grants to update the playgrounds at Morgan, Boys Home and Fairview parks.

8. Open Discussion-none

- 9. **Motion to Adjourn** made by Deb and seconded by Barb, all agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th at 6PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Deb Whitewood
PR Board Secretary
February 6, 2019**