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## RECREATION BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021

The regularly advertised meeting of the East Cocalico Township Recreation Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00pm held at the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Rd., Denver, PA 17517.

### ATTENDANCE:

Rec Board: Chairman McAlanis, Vice Chairman Erkinger, Secretary Joe Becker, and Phil Wiest

Visitors\*: Jodi Quatrale, Monica Craig-Fry, and Alan Fry

\*Only visitors who signed in are listed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman Erkinger made a motion, seconded by Chairman McAlanis, to approve the Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Recreation Board minutes. There were no comments or questions. Motion carried (4/0).

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**RECREATION BOARD OPENINGS:** Discussions held on the two interested candidates (Heather Clevenger and Cheryl Forsyth) are no longer interested in the Recreation Board openings. It was noted that Heather Clevenger instead will be leading the pool committee. Discussions were also held in respect to updating the Township Recreation Board website page with the openings, add an article in the upcoming Township newsletter, and the possibility of placing an advertisement in the local newspaper.

**POOL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Discussed that the Pool Committee recommendations should be presented to the Recreation Board, at which time the Recreation Board can make any approved recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Heather Clevenger to be leading the pool committee. Chairman McAlanis to be notified of pool meeting dates so it can be published in newspaper and social media. The Township to be notified of dates and times to possibly publish in the local newspaper.

**REAMSTOWN POOL DISCUSSION:** Jodi Quatrale discussed the shortage of lifeguards. It was noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> year the lifeguards were getting a fair wage, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year lifeguards wage is \$11.00, and new lifeguards wage is \$9.00. However, it was noted that returning guards were given \$9 an hour. Alan Fry said that he had a verbal agreement with Jim Summers (Ephrata Recreation Director) indicating that returning guards would get same wages they had last year but instead they got a \$2 pay cut. Alan Fry said they have a staffing problem from lifeguard standpoint in his opinion he felt there should be at least four guards. Alan Fry also stated that some guards left for more money at other pools. After lengthy discussions, Chairman McAlanis and Township Manager Mike Hession will be setting up a meeting with Jim Summers to get an understanding of what is going on. Members are also reporting there are not enough guards. They can't open the baby pool because they don't have enough guards and guards are only supposed to be on 20 minutes at a time but they have to do it longer shifts and that is a red cross standard/requirement. It was noted that they will be four guards down from July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 8<sup>th</sup> due to vacations. Discussions were held concerning that the members may need to go to

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Denver Pool that week as the Reamstown Pool may not have enough Lifeguard staff. Vice Chairman Tara suggested to publicize to the Reamstown Pool members that week they would need to go to Denver Pool that week. Chairman McAlanis to make sure this is discussed with Jim Summers at their upcoming meeting. Discussions held on having an offer as to a sign on bonus, however Jody Quatrala said on the Lifeguard Application they can say what pool they want to attend and then not be scheduled anywhere else. Lengthy discussions continued. Discussions continued with the Reamstown pool: (1) boys bathroom cinder block wall on the side of the shower looks like it's about to collapse. This will need to be looked into to ensure it's not a safety concern, (2) rust under diving board and rusty steps going up the slide. The slide has been in place for over 15 years, and (3) The sound system needs improvement when they are making announcements times it doesn't work very well and it's hard for members to clearly hear at times. Brent from roadcrew will be looking into this. Discussions continued.

**SKATEPARK:** The ground breaking ceremony discussions were held noting the date to be July 26 (weather permitting), or early August at latest. C.A.S.A. would like to have a grand opening / Ribbon Cutting with the Board of Supervisors present. Approval was already received from St. Pauls' to use their lot for extra parking if needed. This is also the week of Reamstown Days so the community will be out and engaged. Discussions held about being in touch with food vendors and local skate shops like Vans. C.A.S.A will create schedule of events. Plan to do ribbon cutting earlier in morning approximately at 10:00 a.m. Lengthy discussions continued.

**MOTION:** Chairman McAlanis made a motion, seconded by Secretary Becker to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to hold a Reamstown Skatepark Ribbon Cutting on September 11, 2021 and have representation from the Supervisors, along with the Rec Board and C.A.S.A. present, and to have food and a skate shop present for representation. There were no comments or questions. Motion carried (4/0).

Discussions were held in reference to Township Manager Mike Hession putting in for a grant for skatepark for \$5,000 and replicated it asking for state money to cover some of the costs. Signs were sent for the skatepark rules and copied, similar to Denver Borough signs (minus lights since not applicable).

**STONEY POINTE PARK:** Discussions held noting that it's 90% complete, with the need to install an ADA ramp before getting 100% approval. Chairman McAlanis reached out to BYO and they got a ramp ordered we are waiting for it to arrive, then road crew will install and then we'll get the certification. Noted there were two defective rocks on the wall those were ordered; we are pending two sets of claps for the swings. A resident reached out with concern on trees on Summers Ave. Requesting the Board of Supervisors trim the trees at Summers Drive near at Stoney Pointe. A resident also would like to see a Multipurpose court done in the area that is the macadam parking lot. Stoney Pointe Working group for Multipurpose court. Phil Wiest to call to get that set up. Chairman McAlanis discussed the suggestion of a Ribbon Cutting for Stoney Point. Food trucks or Cookout / Block Party to celebrate the new Park being complete. This will be looked into when the block party is scheduled and will get back to group on the date. Mary (from BYO) asked us to provide a letter of the poor service we experienced during the installation of the park and we need to be compensated because they fell short. Chairman McAlanis to compose a letter for everyone to review, then forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval to send. Discussions were held concerning not being satisfied with the results. There are conversion kits but they will still sway. Phil Wiest to get hard numbers with pole / without pole and backboards / nets. More to come. Electrical work done; tested yesterday can start turning

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lights on at 7:00 p.m. and they go off hard 9:30 p.m. There is a timer someone can twist, and it turns on free of charge. We need signage that the lights will auto shut off at 9:30 p.m. Alan Fry asked if the lights will be LED, and it was noted that grants are being looked into for grants for LED lights that would be another phase.

**REAMSTOWN DISK GOLF COURSE:** Discussed that we have a four-hole course, and five can be added so it can be adjacent to Denver. Chairman McAlanis suggested reaching out to Reamstown Memorial to see if they'd want to partner. Chairman McAlanis to reach out to Mike Hession to find out what land is available to dig and be part of that project. Alan Fry reported there is conduit sticking out at the creek area by Reamstown pool and this was brought up last year but never addressed.

**RAIL TRAIL:** No new updates at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

Vice Chairman Erkinger discussed a survey to get the zip codes (in working with the Township staff) in the area of the parks and the various survey's and how much land we have for that park to determine what the options should be. Chairman McAlanis to include a picture of the area in the survey so people have a visual. ▪ The Township website was discussed noting to have additional information/pictures added to the Parks and Recreation page. Chairman McAlanis talk to Township Manager to find out how the website can be updated. ▪ Vice chairman Erkinger asked if next meeting we can discuss Fish and Creek and the concrete barriers can we get split rail fences or something similar, and the addition of wildflowers. ▪ There were no other comments at this time.

**NEXT RECREATION BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Chairman McAlanis made a motion, seconded by Phil Wiest to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried (4/0)

Respectfully submitted,

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East Cocalico Township Recording Secretary