

Genoa Township Parks Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2015

Members Present: Mark Harmon (Chair)
Dorothy Driskell (Vice Chair)
Diana Howell
Phil Johnson
Molly McHale
Kent Trofholz
Jan Wise

Members Absent: Laurie Schulze
Ray Duvall
Jessica Mager
Michael Collins
Dave Blair (Secretary)

Others Present: Ron Keil (staff)

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:03PM.
2. Review and Approval of April meeting minutes –
 - A. The meeting minutes for April 4, 2015 were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Dorothy Driskell; and seconded by Kent Trofholz.
3. Public Comment -
 - A. Joe Looby spoke on behalf of Friends of Genoa about their upcoming events.
 - a. Pedal for the Parks is up to 45 riders. May 16, 2015. They need volunteers (7 additional) to help with registration and stop stations. They have t-shirts for all of the volunteers to wear. Be there at 7am behind Trek.
 - b. Car Show – Scheduled for August 29th at McNamara Park – 10-2pm
 - c. Evening at Chili Verde – Date TBD – Sunday evenings - Chili Verde is closed on Sundays but has agreed to host the events for Friends of Genoa. Invitations for first event will likely be by invitation only and about 30 couples – food and requests for donations.
 - d. Friends of Genoa had a resignation on their board. They are looking for someone who might have fund raising experience, but not required. They meet every other month.

4. Center Green Festival
 - A. May 17, 2015 in Center Green Park from 1-4pm

5. Discussion Regarding: McNamara Park (see handout of pictures)
 - A. Mark Harmon recommended the board write to the trustees requesting that action be taken to get the "retention pond" in the East end of McNamara completed.
 - B. Motion to include in that letter the following was accepted by all present:
 - a. Review the original McNamara plan
 - b. Engage a professional for evaluation and remedy
 - c. Moved to get funds/help to complete the project to professional's recommendations
 - d. Have project implemented by this summer
 - C. Ron Keil has Eagle Scout who will be doing planting in about ¼ of the space in the near future
 - D. Ron Keil has the funds for the plants, but no man-power to plant

6. Play Ground Equipment Policy
 - A. Due to a recent injury at Freeman Road Park on the 18 year old equipment, Mark Harmon recommend that the board request development and implementation of a policy for scheduled inspections of all township playground equipment of obsolete or unsafe equipment.
 - a. The board agreed

7. Park Manager Report; Ron Keil reported
 - A. Freeman Road Park is at a stand-still.
 - a. Trees are waiting to be planted and basketball court is ready to be asphalted – all on the Maintenance Dept. list of projects.
 - b. Still need to stain/paint the shelter
 - c. Bob Mathews had the company who installed the original playground equipment inspect and make a recommendation for replacement. The cost is roughly \$17,000. This will be taken to the trustee meeting on May 7.
 - B. Worthington Gardens
 - a. St. Paul's lacrosse team is using field
 - b. Garden plots are 70-80% full, plots continue to sell
 - c. Martins and bluebirds are returning
 - C. McNamara
 - a. 8 trees to be planted by picnic tables
 - b. Planting in "retention pond" (mentioned in #5 above)
 - D. Other:
 - a. Ron will have 2 designated workers to help him this summer with projects.
 - b. Ron tilled the conservation areas in Center Green and planted the wildflower seeds

8. Movie Night is scheduled June 20 volunteers are needed. The Friends of Genoa will be there to hand out info
9. Barn Presentation to trustees.
 - A. Mark Harmon stated Dave Blair did a great job presenting the plan for remodeling the barn to the trustees. An article was written in the Delaware Gazette about his presentation with the recommendation to keep the barn.
 - a. No decision has been made so far by the trustees
 - b. Mark Harmon has talked to Rick Carfagnia and Karl Gephardt about the project.
10. Rolling Action Items
 - a. Maps and narratives for McNamara and Freeman Road parks will be a winter project for Ron and are tabled for now.
 - b. Hilmar Park – Kent and Diana are to talk to Paul Wise
 - c. Event Flyer – since the handout with a list of dates was well received, it was recommended that a list be maintained and handed out rather than creating a full flyer.
 - d. ISAC Walton League meeting – remove from Rolling Action items, this was a one-time meeting
 - e. Parks Board vacancies – we have no restriction on the number of members, so vacancies are a non-issue – remove from Rolling Action items.
11. Dorothy Driskell moved to adjourn the meeting, Kent Trofholz seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.