

Potter Township Park and Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019

Board Members Present: John Smith, Mike Troyan, Ann Glaser, Justin Seyler, Heather Shakley

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by John Smith.

Meeting minutes from May meeting were read and accepted. Ann motioned and Justin second.

Old Business:

The Parks and Rec board will have a general email in order for the public to contact us. Heather will take charge on checking this email address and forwarding/responding as appropriate. This email will be listed on the township website.

Each board member will also have a township email created for board-related purposes.

Parks and Rec Board members will begin to attend the Monday Township Supervisor's meetings (1st/3rd Monday of each month)

New Business:

Possible activities/events (Meet & Greet) to introduce the Potter Township Parks and Recreation Board were discussed

- Open these events to Potter Township Residents
- Host these events in already existing sites
- Board members will need to set up, organize, invite
- Distribute a public interest survey?
- Board members should bring a few ideas to next meeting regarding possible events/activities/location/etc.
- Brainstormed possible questions to include in a public survey

Colyer Lake:

- Ann will invite Tom Kistler to the July 9th meeting (confirmed) to present a history on Colyer Lake
- Colyer Lake Walk-Board members will walk the trail to obtain a better idea on the current needs that surround Colyer Lake
Linda Marshall was also invited on the walk to share her perspective on the needs of the trail area
- Date: June 24 @ 6:00 PM at the "Dead End" side parking lot

Notes following Colyer Lake Walk with Linda Marshall:

- Invasive plants growing beside trail that require regular maintenance to control
- Put together a “work day” for trail maintenance (how would volunteers be covered in the event of an injury?)
- How many feet out from the trail are we allowed to maintain? (saw several dead trees that could pose a hazard in the future)
- Getting “trail maintenance work” signs to alert users of the trail during maintenance days
- Do we have any authority if witnessing “wrong doing” at the lake?
- Do we want to reach out to the Fish and Boat Commission to have a representative attend one of our meetings?
- Need to talk to township supervisors regarding what role they see the Parks and Rec board taking at Colyer

John spoke with Tom Kistler after the Colyer Lake walk (notes as follows):

- Discussed current trail conditions
- Bridges across streams in the works, but permits are costly
- Looking for volunteers for trail maintenance, Tom will send a list of names who said would want to help
- Save Colyer Lake committee to end soon, what money is left will go to the township
- Any additions we wish to make to the surrounding lake area must be approved by the Fish and Boat Commission (have denied trash receptacles and semi-permanent toilets)

Reaching Out:

- Ann will reach out to the Penns Valley Conservation Association to inquire about a visit from the organization for our August meeting
-would a representative present be beneficial during our Meet & Greet?
- John will reach out to Clearwater Conservancy for more information on their organization

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Compiled and Submitted by:

Heather Shakley, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Board