

Potter Township Park and Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019

Board Members Present: John Smith, Tina Gearhart, Justin Seyler, Heather Shakley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes from August were read and accepted. Justin motioned and Tina second.

Public Comment:

Ron Whitmer (Shaner Field):

- Coach of a ball team (13yo) that uses the “Little Field” at the Shaner Complex
- County League, 17U use “Big Field”
- Has links to contacts, clinics, showcases, PSU club baseball (all who might interested in using or have used the fields in the past)
- Looking to improve the field/area around the “little field” and also to increase the amount of people to use the field
- Currently volunteers work on mowing, weed removal, trash pick up
- Need a substantial dumpster on site as there is a lot of large/potentially hazardous debris
- There are teams that want to use the field and have paid to use the fields in the past
- Would like to be in charge of scheduling of the “little field”, will continue with maintenance of “little field”
- Volunteers willing to take care of tree line (as you pull in on right) to the boundary past the field to the farmer’s fence (maintain field/off field, trash pick-up)
- A “season” typically runs from mid-April -Thanksgiving and a maintenance “season” would run on a similar timeline (6-6.5 months)

- **Questions asked:**
- What would the township do with the money it receives from field use?
- What would the charges be? (per hour, per day)
- What is the cost to maintain fields and field area?

Old Business:

2020 Budget:

- John submitted 2020 budget to township office

Community Survey:

- Work session moved to October’s meeting

Mission Statement:

- Finalized mission statement

“The mission of the Potter Township Park and Recreation Board is to promote lifelong outdoor recreational opportunities for community members through outreach and education within Potter Township”

- Justin moved to accept mission statement, Heather second
- John will submit to supervisors for approval

New Business:

Grange Fair Surveys:

- #1 Community preference is to have hiking/walking trails for use
- Dog park?

Shaner Complex Tour:

- Board will tour the Shaner Complex on Sunday, September 22 at 8:00 AM

For October Meeting:

- Review potential questions for Community Survey on Survey Monkey
- Brainstorm literature ideas

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Compiled and Submitted by Heather Shakley