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Lower Saucon Township  
Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2016

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1. **Meeting Called To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Dave Spirk at 6:07 PM at Polk Valley Park.
2. **Roll Call**  
**Present** – David Spirk, Jr., Katrina Schreefer, Gary Gorman, Niloofar Aflatooni, members; Ron Horiszny, Council Liaison; Jr. Council member Ryan Smith. **Absent:** Thomas Butera.
3. **Approval of May 2, 2016 Minutes** – Gary Gorman moved for approval of the May 2, 2016 minutes, second by Katrina Schreefer. All in favor.
4. **Citizen Non-Agenda Items** – None
5. **Projects**
  - Southeastern Park – None.
  - Steel City Park – Dave Spirk said some of Council was wondering about the effectiveness of a sand volleyball court. Ryan Smith said if it's not sand, it won't be used. He plays at Water Street Park and has never seen cats or cat feces in the sand. Mr. Horiszny said the Fire Department made a request for the sand volleyball court and he doesn't think it's a big problem. Grass courts are not popular, so we should stay with the sand one. Dave Spirk said the Fire Department asked for it, and that's why P&R wanted to get it put in at Steel City. He said Donna Louder is afraid the cats may use it as a litterbox. Officer Kunigus said he thinks the cats would be a valid concern, but he thinks it would be great to have the sand volleyball court. The P&R's recommendation would be to stick with the sand volleyball court.
  - Heller Homestead Park – None.
  - Polk Valley Park
    - The board talked about the locations of the grills at the park. They amended their original thought of where the grills should be located and agreed one would go in the middle of the grass and one next to the sidewalk.
    - They thought the snack stand should go about 10' off the curb. Dave Spirk thinks it would be built by various volunteer organizations and it wouldn't be a Township cost. These teams rely on the snack stand. At Dimmick, the buildings were built by the baseball groups. Mr. Horiszny will bring this up at the Council meeting.
    - They discussed placing stairs at the park and Dave Spirk said one set of stairs is probably \$20,000 to \$30,000. The people who are going down there are the referees, coaches and the kids. The Board agreed they didn't think that stairs are needed.
    - The Board spoke about the Dog Park. Officer Steve Kunigus said it seems people really enjoy the Dog Park. Dave Spirk said the only complaints they had at the Dog Park were when it's closed and people go over the fence and break it. Officer Kunigus talked about making the dog park bigger. Dave Spirk said the P&R Board had talked about putting in some jumps or a playground for dogs. They also talked about holding dog obedience classes or seminars at the Dog Park.
    - Officer Kunigus said there is nowhere to sit at this park. Mr. Spirk said everyone brings their chairs.
  - Easton Road Fields – Dave Spirk said these fields are strictly baseball. It's for kids 13 years old to adult. They have been going there for years and have been parking in the grass forever and the grass is just fine. It never gets muddy and the grass is always cut. He said we probably shouldn't put an asphalt parking lot there. Maybe they should consider to just leave it the way it is, but put something there that looks more natural, like a matting type material and the grass grows through it which would be a lot cheaper. Regardless of what surface is used for the parking area, we must use a hard surface like asphalt for the ADA compliant parking spaces and pathways.

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- Saucon Rail Trail – None.
- Woodland Hills Preserve – They were here last month. They asked about a sign for the Preserve as right now it's just a paper laminated sign.
- Kingston Park – Mr. Spirk said the Kingston family had a wedding there and it really looked nice that day.

6. **Old Business** – None

7. **New Business**

- Leithsville Minor Subdivision
- IESI Special Exception
- Hoday Minor
  - Gary Gorman moved the P&R Board have no comments for Leithsville Minor Subdivision, IESI, and Hoday Minor, second by Katreena Schreefer. All in favor.
- Special Event Requests
  - Hellertown Area Library 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Get Bookin' 5K Run/Walk to be held on September 24, 2016. The Parks & Recreation board approved this event and are okay with what the Police Department wants to do for this event.
    - Dave Spirk moved for approval of the Special Event application with the only contingency that the walkers will go with whatever the Police Department wants, second by Gary Gorman. All in favor.

8. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by David Spirk; second by Gary Gorman at 6:40 p.m.

9. **Next Meeting** – Monday, July 11 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Lower Saucon Township.