

As our January 2020 Parks & Rec board meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum, Steve Brown, our Township liaison, provided these updates below. No action was taken by the Parks & Rec board.

Parks and Recreation Update Provided by Steve Brown

February 5, 2020

1. New member update – interviews are being set-up with the Supervisors; possibly including the PRB Chair and/or Staff.
2. 2020 Budget and fees update
 - 2020 Budget – all operating funds (General Fund, mostly summer camp) and capital projects were approved as requested
 - Fees – Summer Camp stayed the same and pavilion rental was adopted
3. Down East Park
 - Township participation – Public Works has agreed to remove the existing equipment, clear/excavate, and prepare the stone base for the concrete pad where the equipment & rubber surface will be installed
 - Storm water will need to be managed
 - Old playground equipment may be donated to Where Angels Play
4. Bacton Hill Park phase 1
 - The Supervisors approved ARRO to prepare plans and bidding documents
 - County grant application to be submitted, due 2/28/20 at 4 p.m.
 - Coordinating with DCNR on grant administration and ARRO will start as soon as allowed
 - Details to be discussed and resolved with PRB and Supervisors for plans/bidding, e.g. playground equipment
5. Sidley/Mill to CVT connector update – Supervisors authorized staff to prepare and release RFP for survey and engineering services.
6. Summer Camp 2020 – rates the same, at Charlestown, advertising using signs/sewer bills/flyer/social media/website is underway, MyRec is open for registration, counselor recruiting underway.
7. PROS plan update – meetings were held 12/5/19, 1/7/20, and 2/4/20. The December meeting was the second “public” meeting and approximately 10 people attended. Overviews were provided of the main “take-away’s” and recommendations for: open space, trails, parks & facilities, ordinances, programs, organization & finance. The January meeting covered the draft trails map and reviewed the draft chapter covering parks & facilities. The February meeting covered the draft introductory chapter, draft goals & objectives, draft land use ordinances recommendations, and began to discuss implementation steps.

8. Exton Community Day – SCB attended first planning meeting at West Whiteland Township. The County Parks Department participates and was also in attendance. They are essentially planning to follow the same model as last year, which is to have various activities for young children, teenagers and adults, food trucks, some vendors, a band in the evening, and closing with fireworks.
9. Birch Road Park – metal slide to be removed as has happened in other parks due to insurance recommendations.
10. Friends of Summer Stage - \$10,000 contribution and beer garden to be approved by Board at their February 12th meeting.
11. Capital projects in Valley Creek Park and Down East Park – the Supervisors authorized going out to bid again for the tennis court resurfacing and road resurfacing in Valley Creek Park as well as the basketball court resurfacing and new backboards in Down East Park.
12. Bryn Erin connector trail – stone is sitting over the winter, Public Works to get paving prices for work this spring.
13. Battle of the Clouds – gaga ball pit is ready to install.
14. Patriots Path in Valley Creek Park – discussions were held with Workspace who has agreed to remove the stairs and allow a trail connection to the existing trail on 1 Country View Road. The Atwater developer's engineer is getting prices for the connection and may be ready to pave the Patriots Path and the connector trail this spring.