

EPHRATA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

January 27, 2014

Ephrata Parks Commission met on January 27th, at 12:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Commission members present: Anita Waller, Mike Huebner, Jay Mills, Jenny Sieg and Suzanne Dunn. City staff present: Director, Ray Towry; Recreation Coordinator, Carrie Sawyer; Park maintenance; Rod Virden and Jeff Allen. EHS Representatives Nate Elliott.

I. Call to Order:

- a. Called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm and confirmed present commission members.

II. Additions and Corrections to Agenda:

- a. IX. Next meeting will be February 24th.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 9, 2013. Motion to approve as amended (Waller/Huebner m/s). Motion Carried.

IV. Citizen Correspondence/Propositions:

- a. Trails committee: December 9, 2013.

V. Consideration of Action/Information Items:

- a. Towry asked the committee's thought about letting program volunteers' kids play for free. Committee members were in favor. Mills made a comment that all coaches should need to go through a training to be able to coach. Sieg seconded Mills' idea. Consensus was reached for staff to bring a policy to the next meeting.
- b. Elliott reported on the Dough Miller Memorial Tree. He reported that Crimson Maple, Red Oak, and Clump Birch would be the best tree for the area. Committee members showed concern about weeds growth and what would be the best protective measure around the tree.

VI. Special Event Permit:

- a. none

VII. Commissioner Questions and Comments:

- a. Waller, commented on the rock cairns on Beezley Hill. She reported that people have been knocking them down and moving them, this in turn is ruining the flowers on Beezley Hill. Waller asked if commission members wanted to write a letter to the editor voicing their concerns. Towry explained that a letter writing campaign is about the only effort we can do, since Beezley isn't in the City limits. Dunn said maybe "Deb" would be a good candidate for writing this letter.

VIII. Director's Report:

- a. Recreation Report- Sawyer reported the SamScramble event was on January 1st with enrollment of around 128 people. Sawyer also reported that Youth Boys Basketball League has started, have to solve some gym issues. Sawyer reminded commission members about the Lil' Tigers Basketball Camp "game," on January 31st and the Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance on February 15th.
- b. Development on Beezley Hill- Huebner and Towry reported that we have the ok to do the base.

IX. **Adjourn:** Mills adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be on February 24th, 2014.

Approved this _____ day of 2014.

Jay Mills, Chair

Carrie Sawyer, Commission Secretary