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Minutes of the Meeting of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission

These minutes are subject to Commission approval.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
7:00pm, Chester Town Hall, Conference Room C

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Abramson called the meeting to order at time 7:05 PM.

Members present:

Dawn Saunders, Michael Abramson, John Williams, Ivey Gianetti, Deron Grabel, John Saunders

Also in attendance:

Kenna Campbell, Elizabeth Netsch

Minutes of the Meetings on September 27, 2017 and the Special Meeting on October 13, 2017

John Williams moved to accept the minutes. Ivey Gianetti seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience of Citizens

Randolph Netsch

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Mike Abramson brought up the topic for the evening which is North Quarter Park's construction. Director reported that the previous problems found with new equipment at North Quarter Park were resolved. Elizabeth Netsch brought up the payment of the equipment and the committee discussed how to proceed. The committee discussed the equipment, the placement and installation of the equipment, and the installer's discount provided after people on the committee expressed their disdain with installation. Elizabeth Netsch informed the committee that the installer of the equipment, Patrick Votra through P & P Installations in Marathon New York, offered a 25% discount (\$820.75) off the invoice to compensate for the problems. The committee decided to accept this discount.

Elizabeth Netsch also mentioned that Public Works is going to spray paint the tunnel and the slide a metallic yellow and repaint the red bars on the monkey bars. She passed around the Shell Climber equipment that she wishes to add to the "Preschool" section of North Quarter. This piece of equipment is easy to move and would bring the area



together nicely. The committee decided on picking the shell climber but choosing a red color instead of the blue.

The idea of hiring a different installer for new equipment was brought to the table by John Saunders. The committee discussed having a couple different bids, but Ivey Gianetti wondered if Big Toy would still have their warranty if we use an installer not approved by Big Toy.

Elizabeth Netsch questioned the committee if we still wanted to move forward with letting the fields go untreated in the back of park and the C field at Chester Elementary School.

John Saunders mentioned the basketball court to be added in front of the old community center area. He volunteered to stripe the area out on his own time if we choose to go that route.

The group decision was that North Quarter Park should not sit the way it is now. Chairman Mike Abramson brought up the school age (5-12) area of the park and inquired about what this area would consist of. Elizabeth Netsch showed some equipment she is looking at to place. She showed a plan of incorporating picnic benches and grassy areas in between the equipment to spread out the area and allow families to fully enjoy the park.

John Williams said he would write a letter on behalf of the commission about the North Quarter Park updates and listing what the members feel is priority and present them as such. John Williams inquired about having a special meeting to discuss the letter instead of communicating through email.

Mike Abramson mentioned his daughters would love a play house to fill up some space. Children could use imagination and thoroughly enjoy the house while taking up a good portion of room.

Director's Report:

The Director's Report was combined with the Chairman's Report as both were pertaining to the same topics.

Director also reported on Park and Recreation activities.

Next Month:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018.

Adjournment

John Williams moved to adjourn the meeting and Deron Grabel seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenna M. Campbell
Secretary