

Park & Recreation Board & Trail Committee

2/27/2019 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Tom Marino, Cindy Rosson, Keith Robinson,

1. Tom calls meeting to order at 7:00pm
 - a. Discuss what size board we need to be able to vote on items. Possibly reduce size to have a quorum. Still unresolved
2. Great Blue Heron Park
 - a. No updates
3. Veterans Park
 - a. With the expansion of the Rail Trail and the Natural surface trail opening in the summer of 2019, we will have to address with RASA Parking issues during games. We may have to assign a parking area just for visitors.
 - b. No other updates
4. Rail Trail Update
 - a. No updates, still on track for 2019 construction.
5. Liberty Bell Trail
 - a. Recommended to feasibility study they look at using "Station Rd Park" and put the trail through there to connect to 5th street. Follow Station road on the southside to The Ronald Reagan Drive Extension. This would help this project and allows "safe routes to schools". QCSD expressed a desire to restart the road extension due to safety issues with emergency exits from Strayer.
 - b. Feasibility study to wrap up in spring 2019. They are looking for possible 2019 design phase. LBT is part of Philly Circuit Trails. Township passed last year a resolution to support Circuit trails (PHTN & LBT). May look to apply for grants in 2019 and/or 2020. Maybe lead by Quakertown or Perkasie (TBD)
6. Robert Keller Park / Nature Trail at Township building
 - a. BSA or a trail maintenance day will have to be scheduled. There are some areas that need mulch and some blow downs on the trail.
7. Bird Town
 - a. Native Plant garden may help the application. Not sure if we can be an official trail town but will investigate it. We will need to ask supervisors for support resolution. It will cost \$450/year include 5 signs plus a township plaque.
8. Name for Edgewater development open space/trail/pond parking area? Unresolved.
9. Quakertown Area (Richland Township / Quakertown) one of 4 selected areas in PA to focus on "Nature Based Assets" They asked if Richland Township could provide a resolution of support and we agreed.

10. National Fitness Court potential. Suggestion of a location(s)

Requirements:

- 1) community that wants to promote health and wellness.
- 2) site location that is accessible:

- Morgan Creek Park: They put a high value of installing these along popular trails and parks. My thought is the "Park" on Old Bethlehem Pike near Tollgate Rd would be a perfect location for this. Already has parking and the new "Liberty Bell Trail" is proposed to pass this location and would be a great feature.
- Great Blue Heron Park: maybe an option but concern over taking up ball field space. Good option as more parking. Not sure the allowable building space on site. This is classified as and "adult Park" It must support proper and safe use by adults for outdoor fitness activities and Fitness Court will be located a minimum of 150 feet from the nearest playground?

Details: Costs: \$120,000 to install. We Apply for \$30,000 grant. They require commitment from the township (at a minimum to maintain it), and \$90,000. Almost all their parks have a commercial sponsor (including companies like Lowes and Walmart). Not sure if includes site work so looking for a minimal area or site work.

- integrated into a 35'x32' space, Low maintenance system
- Fitness Court App makes it easy to personalize each workout
- adults of all ages and abilities, accommodates a variety of skill levels and abilities at each station, from beginner to expert. Each piece of equipment allows users to leverage their bodyweight at different angles and levels of resistance as a tool to improve over time

11. 2019 Activity Schedule and Dates

- a. Iron Pigs 7/7/2019 is the date (25 tickets) 1:25pm "A salute the Phillies), create FB page
- b. Movie Night (2nd Friday of each month)
 - i. June 14th
 - ii. July 12th
 - iii. August 9th
- c. Bike Rodeo: TBD
- d. Trail Clean Up : May have to schedule, TBD
- e. Road Clean Up :: TBD
- f. Community Day :: 9/21/2019, create hold the date FB page

12. Meeting ended at 8:00pm.