

West Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

March 9, 2015

Attendance: Joe Petrucci, Karen Atwood, Heidi Tomenchok, Porter Little, Brian Tumler

Members absent: Sam Jefferis, Peter Buschbaum, Zach Rich (Township Comm liaison)

Current Activities

Hewitt Park

- Fence gate and top of fence materials; have been purchased as of Feb 23; LWAYSBA will be asked to install prior to games; Brian Tumler to coordinate
- Signage of "Keep off the Grass" and "Park open Dawn to Dusk" will be replaced; Zach to work with Randy Hoagland to finalize; status of this unknown as Zach not able to attend.
- Hinges on the doors need to be replaced with commercial grade hardware; this is still pending
- Benches in playground area need to be leveled; will be done in conjunction with mulch to be purchased from Sweet Valley; Karen to coordinate
- 2-3 loads of screenings need to be added to bring the dugouts closer to level with field; Parks and Red to purchase; baseball volunteers to spread; Brian Tumler to coordinate
- TruFence has been contracted to repair/replace fencing along the first and third base sides of the field; also, the gate in centerfield will be replaced with fencing
- Natural Green has been hired to fertilize the baseball field inside the fence area at a cost of \$300; there will be 6 applications.

Baseball has opening day on April 11; the above work is anticipated to be completed by this timeframe.

The committee requested Zach to consider assigning a township summer helper/intern one day a week to Hewitt Park during the May-Oct timeframe, this was previously mentioned to George Fisher prior to the liaison change; George was in favor of this during the initial discussions.

Hewitt Park – soccer fields

This discussion is ongoing; JCP&L may provide funding to complete this work as part of the Rocktown Rd project agreement.

Specifics of the work to be done is still pending; Zach Rich to report at the next meeting.

Open Spaces – active recreation

No additional discussion at this time.

Background - discussion about the use of the land around the current township building was raised; there was previously a plan for active recreation; Zach to explore the options.

Request was made to find out if any of the Open Space money can be used to fix up the soccer fields/establish active recreation in the township. Additionally, is grant money available? Zach will follow up and report back to the committee in March.

Hewitt Park – basketball court

It was decided that this court is never used due to the poor condition; the poles will be removed and for now, the base left intact.

Hewitt Park – Gary Bleacher Memorial bench

After further discussion with members of other committees and the township, the bench will remain in its present location. Additional landscaping will be added; Boy Scout Troop 49 will be contacted about possible community service project in this area.

JCP&L contributions

JCP&L is required to plant trees within the township as a replacement for those removed for the new substation. Discussion about having JCP&L provide grass seeding for the baseball field or other work at Hewitt instead of additional trees was held; Zach will discuss with JCP&L representatives as these items are currently in need by the township; additional information in soccer section.

South County Park

Nothing new to report; Sam is the official liaison representing West Amwell.

Meeting schedule

Parks and Rec will meet the second Monday of each month at 7:15 pm at the township building; the Township Clerk has requested the meeting date schedule. Joe will provide this information to Lora Olsen.

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, April 13 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Tomenchok