

West Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

April 13, 2015

Attendance: Joe Petrucci, Karen Atwood, Sam Jefferis, Heidi Tomenchok, Porter Little, Brian Tumler, Zach Rich (Township Comm liaison)

Members absent: Peter Buschbaum

New Public Works Personnel

Ryan Rotello has been hired due to the opening created by Randy Hoagland's retirement. Ryan will work with John Cronce to get up to speed on the activities for a few months. Initial work with Ryan has been very positive; he has worked in construction and building materials area so understands needs and planning.

Potential member change

Peter Buschbaum has requested that a new member be recruited for the Parks and REc Committee; his schedule has not allowed him to participate in several months. Potential member is Mike Rampel.

Current Activities

Hewitt Park

- Combination for the booth has been changed for baseball season; Joe has provided David Wintermute (Pres of LWAYSBA) with the combination.
- Fence gate and top of fence materials; fence guard materials have been received; awaiting mesh; mesh has to be installed prior to fence top; LWAYSBA will install when received; Brian Tumler to coordinate
- Signage of "Keep off the Grass" and "Park open Dawn to Dusk" have replaced
- Electrical and plumbing work has been completed
- 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 with Public Works dept to finalize amounts needed
- Some screenings have been added to bring the dugouts closer to level with field; infield mix has been added to the field; additional needed at interface of field and dugouts
- TruFence has been contracted to repair/replace fencing along the first and third base sides of the field; work still pending
- Foul poles need to be painted yellow
- An Emergency Contact list will be established and posted in the bathrooms and booth; Ryan Rotello and members of the Parks and Rec will be listed.

Future work at Hewitt

- Dugout and booth roofs need to be replaced
- Septic needs to be pumped

These are projects needed to be completed, but not during baseball season.

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.

A proposed shed for use by South County Soccer League (SCSL) is planned for Hewitt Park; this is an Eagle Scout project led by Parker Bergstrom of Troop 49. Discussion of who will own the shed and therefore be responsible for maintenance is continuing.

Specifics of the work to be done is still pending; Zach Rich continuing to work with JCP&L.

Budget

A budget is needed for Parks and Rec activities; Joe to provide.

Open Spaces – active recreation

No additional discussion at this time.

Hewitt Park – basketball court

Basketball pole needs to be removed as court is not used due to disrepair (Post meeting note: completed)

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, May 11 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Tomenchok