

**ORANGE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

**Orange Township Hall**

**1680 East Orange Road**

**7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

**ROLL CALL**

- Barrett Ault - Present
- Jennifer Keck - Present
- Brian Hock - Present
- Marla Gilreath - Present
- Matt DeGraw - Present
- J.D. Hartwell - Present
- Maintenance & Parks Director Beth Hugh - Present

*Minutes were prepared by Township Administrative Assistant Nancy Fay*

**Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2018**

Minutes were not ready for approval

**Public comments**

- Tony Benishek 2040 Hayer Court states he read the Orange Township Land Use Plan Update and noticed the want for more public space - parks, trails, ball diamonds, and soccer fields; he suggested going out for a levy. Mr. Benishek also suggested, due to Orange Township's limited green space and parking, using other venues such as the schools or venues outside the township for township events. He gave Camp Lazarus as an example.
- Mark Marallo 2603 Carla Dr asked about the White property or the property in front of Abbey Knoll and if there may be opportunity for the township to move on one of them. Ms. Hugh replied the red barn property has been zoned for Single Family Homes and will be developed; the White property has been a topic of discussion - at this time the trustees do not wish to pursue the purchase of the property.

**Discussion Regarding Purchase of Property**

- The White property is still available
- Ms. Ault would like support from any of the park board at next trustee meeting
  - Need plan in place to be able to pursue property if it becomes available
- Ms. Ault would like placed on the next Trustee Agenda putting plan in place
  - Present it to be placed on agenda for public discussion

**2018 Events Updates & Movie Choices**

- June movies for Survey Monkey
  - Coco
  - Peter Rabbit
  - Emoji Movie
- Select August movies to be placed on Survey Monkey at the May meeting
- Survey Monkey for August movie should be available the week after the June movie
- Hogback BBQ can come in June but not August

- Music for June event is Franklin Express - ask them to come in August too
- Consider a battle of the bands for music entertainment in the future
  - That may get teenagers involved too

**Discussion Regarding Ribbon Cutting Dates & Park Naming**

- Ribbon cutting for Alum Creek Bale Kenyon Trail
  - Saturday, May 12, at Noon
  - May 11 as alternate date
  - Ms. Hugh will check with Army Corps of Engineers to see if either of those dates work for them
- Naming park on North Rd
  - Follow same procedure as was done for Bridge Park
  - Rules - not naming after individual
  - Wait until June so voting box can be put at pool as well as library
  - Votes can also be submitted by email

**Discussion Regarding Born Learning Trails**

- Board of Trustees passed Memorandum of Understanding we are going to be doing a Born Learning Trail at Glen Oak

**Discussion Regarding Orange Township Land Use Plan**

- Ms. Hugh explains that Michele Boni asked all the boards to look at the plan to see if they think something needs taken out, modified or added.
- Ms. Ault commented on the desire for connect ability between existing trails, connecting the neighborhoods and the main access points; preserving green space and farmland; hosting events and spotlighting other parks. Ms. Ault likes the idea of joining Tree City in encouraging and teaching residents to plant trees.
- Mr. Degraw also noticed the desire for connect ability of trails and community and also the desire for a community gathering place.
- There was brief discussion between the park board as to what is meant by community gathering place. Is it a park, a town center, community events, or something else?

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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**Barrett Ault**

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**Jenifer Keck**

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**Brian Hock**

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**Marla Gilreath**

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**Matt DeGraw**

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**J.D. Hartwell, Alternate**