

To: Barrett Township Supervisors

From: High Acres Park Committee

July 20, 2017

The Committee meeting was held on July 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM at High Acres Park. Copies of the Agenda were presented to the members.

Attendees: Priscilla Kice, Chairperson, Susan Seese, Nicole Hilfiger, Cheri Jones and Sonia White.

1. Minutes:

The Minutes of June 19, 2017 were read and approved. There were no additions or corrections.

2. Old Business:

Fall Festival, Sept. 9 & 10: Nicole Hilfiger was informed by Michelle Wagner Dellavalle that a meeting of the Fall Festival Sub- Committee was to take place on June 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Library so we could arrange to send to send a Park Committee member.

Michelle's message to Nicole discussed a level of planning, publicity, contacting sponsors to fund a band, and arrangements for vendors. There were no specifics and no minutes of previous meetings were attached.

Sonia White arrived at the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library at 6:00 PM on 6/29/17 and found no meeting being held and no room was reserved for the Sub-Committee.

Between that time and this meeting no communication has been forthcoming from the Fall Festival Sub-committee. Discussion followed to review concerns and options to track and support plans for the Fall Festival.

As a result it was determined that Priscilla Kice would attend the Supervisors workshop to update them and receive guidance on this and other topics.

Priscilla reported that the Barrett Township Historical Society would like to participate in the Fall Festival in order to support the Beautification of Barrett by holding a rock collection party. They will bring refreshments.

The Park Committee is discussing hosting a pumpkin decorating and scarecrow making event for the children at the Fall Festival. Cheri Jones has had experience with previous events.

Calendar of Events: The committee is moving forward to establish a calendar of events throughout the year to encourage use of High Acres Park.

- A. Movie at the Park – Nicole Hilfiger shared ideas for the type of equipment and “movies” that would be necessary to put on this event. A target date for the debut of this event is the Fall Festival. This could be a monthly event – conditions permitting.
- B. Yoga at the Park: Nicole Hilfiger reported on the outcome of her discussion with yoga instructor, Danielle, about this idea. She got a rapid and positive response. Details have to be worked out and procedures followed before the Committee endorses a date.
- C. Veterans Day Ceremony: Details would have to be worked out to extend the open season of the Park. Also the American Legion needs to be brought into the discussion so they will be contacted as soon as possible. This may become an annual event as could the Memorial Day Ceremony.
- D. Fishing Contest: This event was discussed for 2018. Based on past experiences as mentioned by Cheri Jones this would appeal to families and people of all ages. April 21, 2018 is the proposed date.

Park Use Report: The pavilion reservation report current as of June 30 was discussed.

Citizens of the Year plaques – Rotary – Cheri Jones will attend an upcoming Rotary Club of the Poconos meeting to follow up on the status of the benches and plaques. The committee is interested in seeing if the plaques could be placed around the Memorial Garden and that benches be made of recycled materials that will not degrade from the weather.

3. **New Business:**

Park Access: No changes were proposed to the current dog access policy.

Pavilion #1, improvement: A working connection for water service is now available. It is located near the extension where a future sink and counter and restroom are planned.

Memorial Garden weed control: Attention is needed to cut back or eliminate weeds that are growing around and over the brick pathway to the flagpole. Priscilla Kice will bring that to the supervisors attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **July 31**, 2017 at 6:30 PM at High Acres Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia M. White