

**Exeter Township
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
July 10, 2017 - Meeting Minutes**

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair, Steve Borbely, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:23 p.m.

Roll Call: Steve Borbely, Kaylee Queen, Sue Perez and Danielle Fenbert were present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Danielle Fenbert, 2nd by Kaylee Queen to remove the soccer field contract from the agenda. The soccer field contract was signed on May 18th. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented made by Kaylee Queen, 2nd by Sue Perez. Motion approved.

Old Business: Parks & Recreation Soccer Program Promotion

- Two Facebook boosts were used to promote the Lil' Kickers soccer program.
- Six (6) kids participated in the Lil' Kickers free demonstration day on July 1st. Seven (7) kids participated on July 8th.
- Total Sports is looking for approximately 30 participants.
- Amanda Benjamin indicated that 20 participants are needed to continue the program.
- Members discussed other options to promote the program including promoting the program on the Exeter Township website and Facebook page and aligning the Fall free demo day with the Exeter Historical Society community garage sale event planned for September 9th.

Dead Tree Carving

- Members discussed removing the bark and priming the tree to prepare for a community tree painting event on September 9th.
- The members set August 12th as a tentative work/tree prep day.
- Members and volunteers would start at 9:00 a.m.
- Danielle Fenbert will share the prep day with Boy Scout Troop 508 and ask for volunteers.

Recycling Program

- Tom Boggs indicated that R&M Recycling may be willing to provide a container for scrap metal recycling. This could be coordinated with a community clean-up day.
- Proceeds from a scrap metal program could be a funding source to off-set costs of a broader recycling program.
- Members discussed recycling collection challenges and how cameras, locks and/or a fencing can be used to prevent dumping of trash in collection containers.
- Danielle Fenbert will prepare a list of available local and state recycling program grants for review at the next meeting.

New Business:

Fall Lil' Kicker Promotional Event

- Members discussed holding a promotional event on September 9th.
- The event would be coordinated with the Exeter Historical Society's planned community garage sale event.
- The event would include a drop in soccer clinic to promote the Lil' Kickers program, a kid's area and painting of the dead tree.
- Final venue details will be reviewed at the August meeting.
- Exeter Township Board approval is required.

Open Parks and Recreation Board Position

- Motion made by Sue Perez, 2nd by Steve Borbely to amend the Parks and Recreation Board bylaws to allow one (1) non-Township resident and/or non-Township landowner to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Kaylee Queen, 2nd by Sue Perez to recommend to the Exeter Township Board that Amanda Benjamin be appointed to the open position as a board member for the remainder of the two year term. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Farmer's Market

- A member from the Exeter Historical Society discussed how working together we could combine a Farmer's market with historical activities to attract residents/vendors and encourage support for both organizations.
- She described her experiences from the farmer's market in Canton and offered to have members join her on a Sunday morning to observe the market.

Exeter Township Fall Newsletter

- Members requested that the next Township newsletter include information about the Lil' Kickers soccer program, planned community tree painting event and how to sign up for the Remind 101 text-messaging program.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:36 p.m. made by Sue Perez, 2nd by Kaylee Queen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Exeter Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Secretary