

Easttown Township Park & Recreation Board

Minutes from the April 16, 2019 Meeting

The meeting of the Board came to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in the Hilltop House. Attending were Cathy Stead, Joan Stillwell, Paul Banks, Ted Babi, Margaret DiPiano and Tom Toscani, Chairman.

Also attending were about 50-60 local residents, and some officials of Easttown Township Board of Supervisors and employees, as observers.

The Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

The minutes of the March, 2019 meeting were approved.

There was a short review of the Easter Egg Hunt held on April 13, 2019, at 10:00am. All the eggs (approximately 1,200), candy and the extras were given out. Approximately 150-175 people attended. Special "Thanks" was given to the Board members who set up and ran the event. Special Thanks was given the Stacey Ballard (President of the Berwyn-Devon Professional and Business Association), and her Assistant, Wylie, for their help as the Easter Bunny and the "Carrot". The Children loved them. Also Special Thanks was given to the Conestoga National Honor Society members who stuffed all the Easter Eggs. It was mentioned that for the previous six years (two years each) students from Beaumont Elementary, Delaware County Christian School and Holy Child Rosemont School had done this job.

There was a brief mention of the Berwyn Victory Run to be held on May 18th, and the Board's involvement with the establish the Charity "Sneakers for Soldiers and the dedication of Berwyn Veterans Memorial in conjunction with the Berwyn Veterans Committee (now the Veterans Association of Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships). There was a request for volunteers to help with the Berwyn Victory Run, but no one was interested in helping.

There was a short discussion about the July 4th Bike Parade and Picnic and that it will take a little extra planning this year. Once again, we anticipate over 600 people to attend. Tom will be away between June 17th and July 1st. We should have everything ordered and arranged before he leaves. More detail later, but the Board will give thought as to whether we should have one or more Tents, Moon Bounces, Good Humor Trucks, Face Painters, etc. As always for this event we will need at least about 40 volunteers.

Volunteers were requested from the audience to help with the July 4th Bike Parade and Picnic, but no one was interested in helping.

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Veterans Association of Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships). There was a request for volunteers to help with the Berwyn Victory Run, but no one was interested in helping.

There was a brief introduction to the audience of the Nature Walk or Trail (“Trail”) being examined by Board, before any proposal, either for or against, was submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The Trail’s suggested location would be across from Hilltop Park, off of Newtown Road, behind the pump station.

The audience, which was composed primarily of residents from the neighboring homes to the Trail, were requested to give comments, which they did. The Board member were previously asked to take notes so there would be no misunderstandings of the comments made, and no error in interpretation. The Board was told that the neighbors were notified of the meeting and the subject matter. The majority of people present were against having a Nature Trail in their neighborhood for a variety of reason.

The Board made few comments, tried to answer questions, but basically listened. On a couple of occasions Dan Fox, the Township Manager, answered a few questions, for which the Board had no first-hand knowledge.

At the Meeting it was determined that the initial Trail suggested was posted on the Township’s website, which was much larger and more involved than the final proposal Trail about which our Board was considering.

The audience spoke for about an hour and half. There appeared to be more comments and questions, so the Board decided to end the meeting, and have another meeting at which additional comments could be heard.

The next scheduled meeting was set for May21st. Some of the audience stated that is primary election day, so a meeting date of May 22nd was selected

Again volunteers were requested to help with the July 4th Bike Parade and Picnic from the audience, but no one was interested in helping.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled from May 22nd, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Township Building, unless otherwise determined.