

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
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TO: GARFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: JERRY CANNON, CHAIRMAN
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2022
DATE: 14JUL2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks Board was held 6PM Thursday, June 30th, at the Garfield Town Hall. Norton, Potts, Rohn and Cannon in attendance; Nason excused. BRi Consultant Tim Knutsen present. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Discussed the following:

1. BRi Consultant provided update on DNT Grant; funding allocation is delayed for all grants due to legislative procedures; will advise once the logjam is resolved. Because our project is so small, Board expressed desire to start asap after funding is allocated. Discussed concern about price increases for work/equipment. Discussed breaking the project into smaller initiatives to make it appealing to local contractors. Also reviewed playground equipment.
2. Corn Hole Progress. Both sets will be ready for holiday weekend..
3. Pickleball interest will be solicited from Community.
4. Park Reservations are increasing; great comments/satisfaction with facilities/appearance.

UPDATES

Pioneer Family. This years Pioneer Family is Moses and Martha Donathan who arrived in 1898; their Proclamation will be presented this weekend at the Donathan Family Reunion.

Work Bee Projects. While the list always grows; the percentage of completions increases. See Attached Park Improvement Report.

Pickle Ball. Receiving phone calls and emails expressing interest; still looking for Champion.

Excess Equipment. Plans underway to move excess equipment to Hatley Road; becoming an attractive nuisance/liability.

Maintenance. Meadow Walk, Disc Golf Fairways and Hatley Nature Paths have been mowed along with the Hatley Building Grounds.

Hatley Benches. With forks back on tractor all four benches were moved into place; detail work to level will be completed before the end of the month.

Shade Trees. Three trees were moved from the East Forty; two are doing well and one is stressed. Three (3) Tree Watering Bags will be put in place before the dry season is upon us.

Old Outhouse. Discussing what needs to be done to convert to storage/concession stand; both are needed as the restroom maintenance closet is getting cluttered with equipment that should be stored elsewhere.

Bollard Ropes. New rope is installed and has greatly improved the general appearance; bollard painting will be scheduled with volunteers.

Sharon Park. Need to finalize the acquisition of this property to move this project forward.

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