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***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – September 25, 2025***

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Rickie Yudin, Dan Morrin, Dan Dupont, Paul Klug, Nancy Stock-Allen, Paul Kawoczka, Kevin Morrissey (Board of Supervisors Liaison), Dudley Rice, and Annelise Dahlin

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** John Lottier and Bryce McGuigan (Shire York Holdings)

**ABSENT:** Kim Wilson (Associate Member) and Michael Kerins

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Dudley Rice called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 25-07** On a motion by Dan Morrin, second by Nancy Stock-Allen, the minutes of the May 22, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

**SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

Shire York Holdings – Pickleball Facility

- Request to waive Park & Recreation land development requirement for recreational land donation or fee in lieu of.
- Development of a private recreational pickleball club that requires membership to attend.
- Shire Holdings argued that they are extending the Township trail along Shire Drive to give increased access to residents visiting Solebury Green by widening the access road. Additionally, they are including public opportunities for use including local school access and charities.

Board members had questions regarding the contribution of Shire Holdings as they are not providing public recreation and, as a property owner along the road, Solebury Township already has access to Shire Drive regardless of widening.

- Members of PR Board and Trail Committee are looking into possible trail connections through the neighboring property owned by a partner involved in Shire development and are close to finalizing a recommendation. Discussion regarding waiver is too soon to make an informed decision considering all possibilities for both land donation and fee in lieu of.
- If property donation is made to allow for trail easement through the neighboring property, board members wish to see a physical plan before moving forward with a decision.

Recommendation delayed, no decision made.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. PA Kids Fest Farmer's Market – Robert Gerenser & Steve Arcosin

- a. Non-profit that provides free tutoring and services for children who are low income, neurodivergent, or have learning disabilities.
- b. PA Kids Fest has requested use of park space on a weekly basis to host a farmer's market. Originally requested the new Solebury Green property due to the historical use as a flea market; however, they are open to alternative locations. Some vendors will be sourced from Solebury Township.
- c. Potential traffic issues with accessing Solebury Green.
- d. Farmer's market would be a fundraiser for the services PA Kids Fest provides all profit will be reinvested into the program.
- e. PA Kids Fest will be responsible for all organizational aspects of the program from hiring vendors to executing weekly events and are looking to begin program by Spring of 2026.

PR Board has requested a written plan to be submitted and a discussion of location with the Park & Recreation staff and Township Manager. The board has recommended that PA Kids Fest presents at the next Farm Committee.

- B. Student Built Mountain Biking Trails – Stone Alderson
  - a. Proposal for local students to build public mountain biking trail through the forested part of Pat Livezey Park. Money would be requested from the Township to fund trail markings.
  - b. Trail would exclude e-bikes and only allow non-motorized bikes.
  - c. Trails would be built by students and local volunteers.

PR board feels a project of this size would be best built with the support of mountain biking organizations for planning, training, and funding. The board recommends students get practical experience building trails and get support from surrounding organizations before submitting a full proposal and moving forward with construction.

### **BUDGET REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R budget report and 2026 draft budget. There is a projected increase in basketball revenue and \$18,000 has been set aside to replace the fence at Canal Park. \$60,000 has been set aside for both Pat Livezey and Laurel Park playground replacement and an additional \$300,000 set aside over a few years to replace the athletic field lighting at Lower Pat Livezey.

### **REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

- A. Board members reviewed the facilities report. Signs are posted at Aquetong Spring Park, still looking into viable options for fencing.

### **REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

- A. Board members reviewed the program report. Adult basketball began in September and registration for youth recreational league starts in late October. Travel tryouts have already begun.

### **EVENTS**

- A) PRPS District III Golf Outing – Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- B) High Heel Drag Race – Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>
- C) Trunk or Treat at NHSSD UES – Thursday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>
- D) Halloween "Light Up the Night" – Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – looking for volunteers
- E) Snow Folk Art Contest – December
- F) Winter Festival – January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. *Comprehensive Plan Committee*: Community meeting regarding future of 202 corridor. Many comments received about the lack of bathrooms at Aquetong Spring Park.
- B. *Trail Task Force*: Mike and Paul walked between Solebury Green and Aquetong Spring Park and are going to have an informal conversation about potential opportunities for the trail extension to cut behind the 202 properties. Report will be complete on their findings in a few weeks.
- C. *Comprehensive Park, Recreation, Open Space, Trail & Greenway Plan*: Last met in September and next meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup>. Community envisioning meeting held in August.
- D. *Lighting Ordinance Committee*: Two meetings held to date to discuss draft ordinance. Prior version would impact what lights are available to replace existing lighting at Lower Pat Livezey Park. Lumens allowed for athletic field lighting have been increased to ensure proper lighting allowed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Bird Loop Information Signs – two signs being manufactured now, should be installed by beginning of October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Annelise Dahlin  
Recreation Program Coordinator