

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting August 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was held in the township municipal office on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Township Manager Vicki Eldridge, Committee Members, Bill Shaffer, Korleen Calkins, Bill Musser, Roy Snyder, Brian Longenecker, Chris Harnish, Frank Voyner and (1) observer.

The Township Manager opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Eldridge gave an update on the trail corridor from Conestoga Township to Sadsbury Township. Martic Township has awarded the construction contract for the trestle repairs to J. D. Eckman. The trestle is expected to be completed in 2022. The Quarryville Borough Council has given the go ahead for the manager to obtain quotes for engineering services for access to the Borough from the trail at Lime Street.

Mrs. Eldridge informed the community that the township applied for a "\$25,000, 2021 Healing the Planet Grant" through Giant Markets. The grant is to be awarded later in August due to the overwhelming amount of applicants. This grant would be used for shade structures at various location on the trail and construction of a pavilion (location yet to be determined) and kiosk at the Groff Trailhead.

Mrs. Eldridge updated the committee on future trail events. On August 7, Solid Rock hosted a 5K on the trail and it was quite successful.

Mrs. Eldridge asked the committee members if they would be interested in representing the Enola Low Grade Trail at an event, Riverlands Peddlin, Paddlin and Ploddin Happy Hour sponsored by The Susquehanna Natural Heritage Area. The event will take place on the "Lawn at John Wright Restaurant" from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021. This event is open to the public and allows for an opportunity to engage communities to share opportunities and ideas that will enrich users and visitors to trails in the Susquehanna Riverlands. Bill Musser, Korleen Calkins and Chris Harnish showed interest in attending.

Brian Longenecker discussed the bike repair station at the Sigman Road Trailhead. He said the air pump is not working. Mrs. Eldridge will have the road crew investigate.

Mrs. Eldridge shared that most of the trail benches are going to need to be refinished. She asked if anyone could help with that. The township has a part time employee willing to help as well. These can be started when the weather cools slightly.

Brian Longenecker shared a drawing of a possible shade structure that may be used on the benches. Mrs. Eldridge shared the plans she obtained from Manor Township for shade structures as well.

Mrs. Eldridge stated she has received comments from trail users asking about the possibility of locating a portable toilet at the Groff Trailhead. The suggestion was made that perhaps the portable toilet could be fenced so it could not be moved or upset. Manor Township has fencing around their portable toilet as well to avoid that type of vandalism.

Mr. Shaffer suggested that we speak with Quarryville Borough Officials to see if they would be willing to help with costs associated with improvements on the stretch of the trail located in the Borough. The committee would like to know when Quarryville Borough's Trail Committee meets. Some of the committee members feel it may be beneficial to hear ideas from other municipal trail committees.

The committee suggested that perhaps those individuals on a waiting list to donate a bench may want to donate toward some other improvement, such as a shade structure, kiosk, or pavilion.

The committee is planning a cleanup/work day in late October. The next parks meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.