

# Minutes

## Glen Arbor Township

### Parks and Recreation Commission

Oct.16, 2019

Present: Chair Jim Fowler, Ron Calsbeek, Paul Walters, Kelly Ciolek, Rick Schanhals, Celeste Crouch Absent: Jim Munson

Guests: Klaus Heinert, Dallas Wirtz

Jim Fowler opened the meeting at 9:30am and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Minutes were approved.

There was no correspondence.

#### **GA Park Report**

Rick reported that the the profit from the GA Pickle Ball Tournament was \$420.00. He also recommended that the GA Township switch its lawn care contract to the firm, Lawn King.

Ron asked if the Commission could buy a backpack blower and a speaker system. Both items were approved unanimously for purchase.

Rick suggested that it was important to identify another contractor for the job of using fertilizer and weed killer at the GA Park, The Garden, and Township buildings.

### **New Chair**

Jim Fowler's departure from Glen Arbor required the members to chose a new chair. Jim Fowler nominated Kelly Ciolek, Ron seconded and members unanimously approved Kelly to to take the position as chair. Jim turned over his notebook containing all of the commission materials, Kelly will need going forward.

### **Zip Code T-shirts**

Celeste reported that sales of the t-shirts are going well. The Township has spent \$864.00 on the T-shirts. \$1,140 dollars of T-shirts have been sold with \$700.00 worth of inventory remaining. Nan Schanhalls will take over the t-shirt project until Celeste returns in the spring.

### **Klaus and Dallas Wirts**

#### **River Park**

Klaus reported that the owner is moving forward with a new survey and confirming easement info and property line. Surveyors are also verifying the title information.

Everything going forward on the park acquisition hinges on the value of the property. The goal of the grant is to consider a split parcel. The question becomes where the split will be.

The acquisition currently is very fluid with Bob Sutherland looking at mixed use possibilities, Communications continue and he

indicated encouraging the township to pursue a 2020 grant application while he engages in planning and preliminary design of redevelopment of the south side upland portions of the parcel. Both of the processes should start in November, 2019.

Grant application requirements include that the river portion has good potential. Then the community and PARC get to discuss and decide what they want the the property to be.

### **30 day Public Information Period**

The objective is to provide time for the public to consider the possible acquisition of land on the Crystal River and this particular piece of property in particular. The DNR wants to know whether the public supports the idea along with the other goals and objectives and proposed actions of the Draft Plan.

### **Public Comment Session - Nov. 19th 7:00 -8:30pm at the Town Hall**

This will be a time for the public to look at the site drawings and to consider ideas re use. Gosling will present an overview of the Draft Plans, its purpose and proposed actions. Then open to Q and A.

### **Dec. 17 Public Hearing with the Township Board**

The plan should be about 95% done. The Township must approve the plan by Mar. 1 for the the grant to be submitted by the deadline, April 1, to the DNR.

Klaus spent the remainder of the meeting having the commissioners go through the goals and objectives looking for typos, removing repetitious statements, and adding language to make the document

more precise. Goal # 6 was completely eliminated.

Finally members looked at the Draft Goals and Objections Section 2020-2024 document. Klaus said that the commission needed to prioritize projects for the next five years and to revisit the document periodically. Members were expected to prioritize the actions into the schedule which included five categories - Goals/Task, Project Name, Priority, Est. Cost and Funding Sources. This draft will provide a framework to help keep the Commission on task and up to date with the projects they have recommended to pursue over the next five years.

The members plan to meet once before the Nov. 19th, Public Comment Session to make sure they are well prepared for the event. No date was selected.

### **Appreciation of Jim Fowler's contributions**

At this last meeting, members thanked Chair Jim Fowler for his exemplary contributions to enhancing recreational opportunities in the community for the last ten years. His vision and efforts have made Glen Arbor even more special for all who live here and those who visit as well. Members will miss him!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.