Parks and recreation meeting minutes
July 16th Meeting

Attendance:

Board Chair: Mike Riegel
Board Members: Marc Mignogna, Drew Heck, Scott Rieland, Ryan McCulley, George Guevara, Heather Hobbs Michael, Councilman Karl Munder
Town Staff: Ashley Collier Parks and special events coordinator, Nancy Hernandez Parks Attendant
Press: Tony Burke Mount Airy Messenger

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance
The June minutes were approved
Chairman’s Comments: Chairman Riegel stated he has been visiting all the parks with being home more often.
Council Report: Councilman Munder reported that the council meeting was held in person and that there were several ordinances. He also stated the budget amendment for the dog fence was introduced.

Guests:
Harrison-Leishear: Councilman Munder presented details on the Harrison-Leishear property. He presented details as far as costs, water, pros and cons, as well as the grants.

Updates:
Twin Arch BBall Court: Tile ordered
Benches for Twin Arch BBall court: Ordered
5k Signs: Ordered
Negotiations with CSX for rails to trails west of main street
Camp Night: Mount Airy Baptist church is hosting outdoor movie night with social distancing on August 7th. Movie will begin after dark
Community parks playground grant: Approved upfront spending of phase I
New social distance signs installed at the parks
Field reservation updates: All reserved for baseball and soccer. Pavilion reservations filling up
Village gate access: Installed from legion across the parks to the tracks.

Unfinished Business:
Mountain Bike discussion: Informal gathering at east west park on June 26th. Reviewing minutes from last month. The Ellis’s are looking into costs and designs, project would be done by volunteers and grant $. Parking issues were also discussed.

Dog park fence update: Introduced in FY 2021

Parks spreadsheet: Prioritizing each park with its needs. Addressing issues.

New Business:
Concern about Summit Ridge baseball field: Resident is concerned about foul balls hitting neighbors and breaking glass. The resident is proposing moving the batter box. The members discussed different options on how to prevent balls going into backyards. Mike will contact the resident on what we discussed.

Ashley went over the upcoming events
Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting George 2nd all in favor.

Respectfully,
Marc Mignogna

The meeting ended at 8:54. The next meeting will be on August 20th at 7:00 zoom format.