

East Hempfield Recreation Authority
1700 Nissley Road, Landisville PA
February 23, 2022, 7:00pm In person and zoom meeting

The East Hempfield Township Recreation Authority held their regular meeting in person and zoom at the East Hempfield Township Building, 1700 Nissley Road, Landisville PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-Chairman, Mike O'Brien.

Members in attendance:

Attending: Dave Lounsbury, Tom Bennett, Steve Ulrich, Mike O'Brien, Dan Trump, and Doug Brubaker.

Absent: Ryan Lundy

Others in attendance:

Cindy Schweitzer, Township Manager, Joe Robinson, Finance Director and Jeanna Johnson, Staff Accountant.

Committee Reports:

Lease Negotiating Committee (O'Brien, Ulrich, Trump) – Mr. O'Brien reported that he continues his discussion with brokers and hopes to have a representative from Bennett Williams meet with the Committee in the coming weeks and then report back to the group.

Finance and Operations Committee (new committee comprised of Bennett, Lounsbury, Lundy) – Mr. Bennett explained that Mr. Lounsbury and he met with staff and Attorney Mincarelli to discuss next steps in making the Recreation Authority the operating entity for the golf course. It was explained this has taken on more importance since the completion of the Township audit which point out discrepancies in lease documents. The Committee has set July 1, 2022 as the goal date of having a bank account and agreements in place to achieve more independence from the Township. At this point assets will remain with the Township and agreements will be developed to address operations, maintenance, and employees. The Committee will also be looking at the barn/pro shop structure to see if an adaptive reuse of the building is feasible or tear down and rebuild.

Action Items: none

Old Business:

Goals and Objectives for the Property – no discussion

New Committee – Briefly discussed the potential desire to create a Greens Committee that would focus on working with the General Manager and Superintendent.

Golf Operations report – Report provided

Simulators – Mr. Ulrich provided that potentially a representative of the Trackman Simulator could do a presentation at next months meeting. The cost range of these is between \$8k-\$35k and come with numerous options. Commission members were asked to research known facilities and report back to the group.

New Business:

Susquehanna River Basin Commission well renewal permit – November/2021 deadline was missed but a plan has been formulated to file the renewal paperwork in early March to satisfy the SRBC requirements.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant submitted under a DEP grant opportunity – Mrs. Schweitzer explained that the grant (stream restoration/buffering) outlined at the last meeting was actually submitted under a DEP grant opportunity rather than SRBC.

Blue Collar meeting: Mr. O'Brien reported he checked back through his notes and found no evidence of a commitment to provide funding for a sign along the road frontage. This was in response to the last meeting report out. Discussions with Blue Collar can occur regarding a sign, but nothing indicates a commitment to provide funds.

Golf Carts – Mrs. Schweitzer reported that the Public Works Director reached out to the contract holder for the new carts, and they are providing us with 24 gas carts to use while awaiting the delivery of the new carts and gave him the old electric carts. This will relieve the pressure of the battery need in the old carts. New carts are due mid-April.

Minutes:

Motioned by Mr. Ulrich seconded by Mr. Lounsbury and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from February 23, 2022, as presented.

Public Comment: none

Motioned by Mr. Lounsbury, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Submitted by: Cindy Schweitzer, Township Manager/Secretary