

# **SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

## **March 20, 2024**

Meeting held at the Swoyersville Borough Building.

The Following Members Attended:

<b>Syrena Riley</b>	<b>Angeli Mahovich</b>
<b>Jennifer Kadjeski</b>	<b>Catherine Leonard-Nixon</b>
<b>Ryan Binkley</b>	<b>Karen Kotchik Hughes</b>
<b>Charlie Jones</b>	<b>Jeff Lewis</b>

### **Board Discussions**

**Finance Committee: Board's Council Liaison, Pete Cwalina's phone number was added to the Venom account for two point authentication purposes.**

**Advised the Board of the Account**

**Balance as of 2/29/24 \$7,259.42**

- **Expenditures \$207.95 basketball hoops (reimbursement to Borough)**
- **Deposits Check Number 60292 \$250 Wing Fling Sponsorship (Top Kitchen)**

**Events & Property Committee:**

- **Planning for Wing Fling 2024 is still underway- The board is looking for community members to volunteer on the planning committee.**
- **Board Member Ryan Binkley shared two bids that he received from two companies to convert the softball field to a workable football field. They were \$23,000 and \$40,000. This continues to be the highest priority for the board and they continue to explore options and looks for ways to start the process as soon as possible.**
- **Plan for backfilling and planting grass at the current softball field was discussed to start the process of converting it to the football field**
- **The board will be donating baskets of candy to the Mayor's Easter Event**
- **First movie in the park will be Back to the Future on June 28<sup>th</sup>, the board will only need to pay a licensing fee.**
- **The board motioned to make a purchase of \$125 for plastic flamingos that will be used for our summer fundraiser.**

**Public Relations:**

- **Board discussed creating announcements reminding the community that we are looking for volunteers to serve on committees and help with events.**

**Grant Development and Fundraising Committee:**

- **Jennifer Kadjeski and Karen Kotchik Hughes will continue to research grants.**
- **The board will be starting the process soon for the application on the DCED grant**
- **Board member Ryan Binkley is in contact with the grant management company to inquire more about advance disbursements rather than reimbursements so that we can begin using the grant money to purchase park equipment and make the planned updates to the parks.**

**Youth Sports League Liaison:**

- **Awaiting Legion Baseball schedule**

**Special Needs Park Committee:**

- **The committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss plans**

**Wing Fling:**

- **Currently we have 26 vendors signed up to participate for both days**
- **Board member reorganized/retyped all the finances and invoices**
- **A new addition this year will be a sensory tent for children and adults**

**Board Member created a Post Event Summary form that the board will begin to fill out at the conclusion of each event. The form will provide an opportunity for reflection and added transparency.**

**Students from the Jenny Lynn Prep school Care Club approached board member Jennifer Kadjeski about scheduling a parks clean up day in April.**

**The next meeting for the Recreation Board will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Borough Building.**