

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order by David Spirk at 6:32 p.m. at Easton Road Field.
2. **Roll Call – Present** – Members: David Spirk, Chairman, Tom Butera, Vice Chairman, Members: Keith Meier (phoned in), Bill Ross, Krista Baum and Niloofar Aflatooni; Council Liaison: Jason Banonis; Staff Liaison: Carol Schneider. **Absent** – Member: Frank Thompson; Jr. Council Members: Colin Griffith and Mason Simms.
3. **Approval to Add Improvement of Ballfields List to Agenda Items** - Motioned by Dave seconded by Bill. Motion passed 6-0. (Frank Thompson– Absent)
4. **Approval of May 2, 2022 Minutes** – Tom Butera moved for approval of the May 2, 2022 minutes, second by Dave. Motion passed 6-0. (Frank Thompson– Absent)
5. **Presentations** – None
6. **Citizen Non-Agenda Items** – Donna Louder asked if there was grant money available for wish list items that can be used for Steel City Park. She is looking for two benches, one to go along Mathews Avenue and one to go along Schwab Avenue. She is also requesting a pine tree to be planted in Steel City that maybe the Fire Company can decorate at Christmas time, possibly near an electrical pole near Mathews Avenue. Dave suggested that Public Works could possibly plant a tree in the outfield behind the pavilion. Public Works could also run a conduit line from the pavilion to the tree next to the pavilion. She also mentioned that Steel City was promised a drinking fountain for the dogs that they never received. This would be a wish list item too. Lastly, she would like to express her disappointment that the Summer Program is not held in Steel City. Years ago, the teachers were hired as Township employees to do the summer program and she said that this would be the most cost-effective way. She said that there are a lot of small children in Steel City. In the past few years, they had a lot of young families move in and not having anything in the park for small children to do in the summer is disappointing. Dave said that the last 20 years or so, he believes that the SV Community Center has run the program. Donna said, plan a program in Steel City or plan transportation for the children to go to another township location. Dave asked if we support/fund the SVCC to run the summer program and Jason stated he would find out. Donna mentioned that the Community Center hosted a program in the past however, the turn-out wasn't great. Since then, we have more children in Steel City. She also stated that the community is changing, the older people are passing and the young families are moving in. We now have younger kids in the area. Jason asked Donna if she polled the residents to see if there would be an interest in a transportation option to see if we would need a small or big bus, and she did not. She would say they would need a small van. She also said that she could get the information out and get ages Kindergarten - up to middle school. Dave mentioned that the demographics could have changed. Donna stated that Steel City Park should be included in the summer program. Unfortunately, the children don't have access to transportation and it would be good as their parents are working and they are being watched by an older sibling.
7. **Updates** - None
8. **Special Event Applications** - None
9. **Old Business**
 - **Polk Valley Park Snack Stand**: Dave said that he never got a chance to reach out to all the presidents. I can't imagine that we wouldn't have good feedback from them. He asked Jason if there was anything from Council's perspective? Jason said nothing at all, Jenn was involved with that and Council's interest was likely an understanding of who is going to use it and what they would like to see in the building? Do they want electric to plug in crock pots? Running water? Each of those things have a greater expense. They would need to hear from the stake holders to see what would work for everyone.

- **Pickleball Update:** Dave said that Jenn was working on this. Jason mentioned that he is willing to take this on and that they were looking at some properties back in January and it's still in the pipeline. Jason proposed that they table this for now until they have some clarity and some options of locations.
- **Grant Wishlist:** Dave asked if there was an update on current grants and Carol mentioned that when Cathy gets grant applications in, she would like to have the Parks & Rec. wish list available to compare to the grants offered (there is usually a tight deadline as well). She would rather have an idea of what's needed when writing the grant as back-up information is better to have on hand rather than not. Dave mentioned that now that we have a list, perhaps Roger can put a dollar amount next to the items so that Cathy can match that amount to the grant that is offered, this way she can match the grant funds to an item on the list or earmark it.

Going back to Polk Valley Snack Stand, Dave stated the he and Tom are going to put a retail list together on the costs associated with the items too. Dave then asked Jason if there was a well at a Polk Valley? Jason said he believes so. Dave said that we should have a frost-free faucet at the snack bar so people could wash things off if needed.

10. **New Business**

- **Movie Night in the Park:** Jason brought up that movie night was cancelled for unknown reasons in the Borough and Carol was kind enough to look-in to it and seek donations. Mike Estojak (a resident) was kind enough to donate a LED screen for all three movies to watch in the parks. What we are proposing to do is to have a movie on three different dates, one in June, one in July and one in August. Proposed dates are June 24th, July 22nd or July 29th and August 19th or 26th. The price for the licensing fee for 200 people or less is \$435.00 to \$465.00. The way we envisioned this we would host one event in Steel City, we could do another one at Polk Valley Park and or perhaps here or Southeastern. We would like to get Parks and Rec's input on it and agreement to do it. If everyone agrees, we will put it on the agenda for the June 15th meeting and have Council vote on it at that point to fund the movies and start getting the word out that were going to host these events. Dave asked what the downside would be? Jason said that it could rain and we would have to cancel the movie. Krista asked do we need any security? Would there be any set-up, any additional cost? Jason said that the licensing fee would be the only cost. We have the donation for screen already and people would have to bring their own folding chairs/blankets and the cost of advertising is covered because the Township could get the word out on Facebook page/website. Jason stated that he would announce it during the Council meeting in June, he thinks it would be a good opportunity to reach out to some of the different areas in the Township that wouldn't otherwise go to Dimmick Park to watch a movie. This gives everyone the opportunity to go down to the park and gather as a community and interact with one another. He said if anyone has ideas for a food truck to be present or popcorn, we are open for that. Carol mentioned going back to the rain date, with getting the LED screen donated, we are tied to specific dates due to the donor's business calendar. He gave us specific dates upon his availability. Jason mentioned that if it gets rained out – it would be canceled. Jason wanted to know if there was a preference between July 22nd or the 29th? August 19th or the 26th? He didn't know when school opened back up, but he thought that the 26th may be an issue and may be a little late. We may want to look at the 19th and the 22nd. There was discussion to start at Steel City however, it was mentioned that the screen needed to be delivered a few days earlier for the first movie and it was a good idea to have security cameras on it at Town Hall Park near the Public Works garage. Donna mentioned that she may be able to store the LED screen in her pole barn but it was recommended by Jason to host the first movie at Town Hall on June 24th, the second movie at Steel City on July 22nd and the third movie at Polk Valley Park on August 19th all starting at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Tom made a motion to accept the dates for the Movies in the Park, Dave mentioned as discussed, Town Hall Park in June, Steel City in July and Polk Valley in August.

SECOND: Bill seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Motion passed 6-0. (Frank Thompson – Absent)

Carol mentioned that now we have to pick the movies.... The first movie was picked and will be Encanto. It was decided to take a poll or survey and reach out to the youth sports and the public for the next two movies. Niloo asked if there would be a fee for the movies and Dave said it's free and it would be nice if someone could donate popcorn. He said it would be great if we could give out popcorn for free to all participants. Donna suggested that we should do this over dinner time and offer hot dogs. There was some discussion on the time being too early but Dave stated that the screen is so big and so bright that you could see it clear as can be regardless of the daylight.

- **Improvements on Ballfields:** Dave reviewed the list from Greg Best and suggested to walk around the park (Town Hall) since we are here. The top three paragraphs deal with the softball field that the girls are playing on right now. The fencing with gates at the 1st and 3rd baseline, they want to fence in the whole field because there is a field across the back. Krista said, so they want to connect it and close the field? Dave and Jason both agreed. Dave said most fields are closed in, the problem with an open field is that is they're probably chasing balls in the parking lot without a fence. The fence will keep them contained. We can prioritize this list and ask Roger if he could get some numbers on it and when we get these requests for possible grant money we can decide or Council can decide or Council can recommend to us (Parks & Rec.) and say we can do this, this and this to Town Hall or Southeastern or Polk Valley. Secondly, the drainage needs to be addressed as the base lines need to be re-graded. Dave was unsure if it was containing water.... Jason said part of his notes are that the problem is the third base side is closer to the hillside and the water apparently runs toward the mound and they would like to crown it more so that the water carries away from the infield and doesn't create muddy conditions in the middle. Dave said, if in-fact they crown it and it goes to the first base side, you would put a perforated drain in stone across the third base side in front the stands and into the woods, otherwise you would have standing water on the third base line. Krista asked if this would need to be done before the fence? Dave said yes, we would fix the infield by crowning it, put the drainage in the third base side and then put the fence up. That mix was donated by the Iron Pigs about 4-5 years ago, they delivered it in bags, maybe more for the main field at Dimmick Park. Jason stated it was a contest that was won and it was the Knee-high field maybe they did both fields. Dave said we may want to reach out to the Iron Pigs again to see if they would be willing to donate some to us. In this order Krista, crown, in-field mix, drainage system and fence, that's not our wish list, that's the way it really has-to go. The regrade lip from infield to outfield would happen with new mix, it would just naturally happen. In order to re-crown it, all the bases and the plate would have to be reset to grade. These three things (list provided by Mr. Best) after the top four or five lines would have to happen. Krista asked if we have-to have the drainage system in order to support the crown and infield mix if we didn't do the drainage system? Dave said it would be a waste of efforts because it would wash away. Dave stated the scoreboard controller on Greg's list, he didn't know we had one. Carol mentioned it was in the office at the Receptionist's desk. Dave said we should be able to order the pads for the back stop. Dave also mentioned that before we walk around, the items listed for Southeastern; flattening the baselines, realign bases, and attach and realign home plate are all fairly simple things for Public Works to do now, whether they have time to do it, is a different story. It would have been better to do it in the beginning of the season. Dave said the Southeastern list is something that Public Works can do in late fall or practically winter because you can't use the field for a month or so afterwards. The regrading isn't necessarily Public Works maybe it's an RFP? I don't think we need a motion for this, let's just ask Roger if he would like to do it or if he could do it or he would like to see an RFP go out for the improvements and I'm sure he's just going to say yes, he could handle it. Unless we wrap an RFP in for both? Jason said it would be complicated and Dave agreed. Dave said an RFP possibility for the work here and unless he says he can do it late October or November, so we would like to hear his opinion/advice on this.
- **Stage Demolition Update:** Krista asked for a status on taking down the stage at Town Hall pavilion because she said it's a hazard and Dave said that they can do it (Public Works) when they have time as it's relatively easy when they have time. Carol said she can get the status from Roger.
- **Update on Easton Road Ballfield:** Jason said they are close to being final, but permits are pending from the Federal Government, PennDOT and DEP. Holding up the project right now is the electrical contractor that the Township generally uses to design. They have been really busy so they are going with a different vendor, that vendor is having difficulty getting information from PPL to tie into the

transformer that is down on Easton Road. Once this in, everything can go to Council for approvals to vote to send out for bids and when bids come in, we are ready to go. It is basically the design we are waiting for. Dave asked if some Saucon Valley graduates use and pay for the rental of Easton Road field? Jason responded yes; they do. Jason and Dave both agreed that there is a lot of play there now and there will be even more in the future with the lights. Dave said that Blue Mountain may decide to use this field instead of Dimmick because of the lights.

11. **Public Comment** – None

12. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dave Spirk at 7:14 p.m. Second by Tom Butera. Motion passed 6-0. (Frank Thompson – Absent)

13. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 1, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Heller Homestead.