

Park Commission Meeting June 26, 2025

Members present: Aaron Graf, Diane Graf, Ken Sokol, Richard Morrison

Richard called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The weather-a warm 85 or 86 degrees.

Minutes from the February budget meeting were read aloud and approved. Discussions on fence repair, tree stump removal, the hickory tree hanging branch etc. took place.

A good amount of time centered on the new playscape acquisition. Richard reported that after several months of discourse and a presentation before the Township board, the board of trustees approved the expenditure on June 9. There was a change from the original concept- the new structure will have wood roof panels in place of vinyl canopies. The thinking? Durability in respect to our weather patterns.

Prior to that, commission members Aaron, Ken and Richard had made several attempts to maintain and stabilize the old structure. However, after receiving repair estimates from the playground company- an obvious conclusion was reached- our 20 year old equipment needed replacing. It should also be noted that Leela Vernon and John Kemler also inspected the old structure prior to any decision being reached.

Richard had received a commitment from Kids Gotta Play that the May quote would hold until the Township board met in June. At this point, Commission members began a walking tour of the park. Apart from the previous concerns, it became clear that a number of trees will need trimming in the near future.

The Library story book trail has been updated and has a lot of appeal to the younger set. Two suggestions: Diane would like to see a smaller piece of playground equipment placed behind the town hall. Harold Kemler would prefer that the grass clippings be relocated and the basketball court be given renewed attention.

The park was a beehive of activity this evening with a baseball game, several canopies, lots of kids, families and a food truck. As we finished the tour, dark clouds approached from the west and the rain swept in.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Morrison, Chair/Secretary