

February 6, 2025

Connellsville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Attendance: James Flynn (President), Shawn Baysinger (Vice-President), Janine Brooks (Treasurer), Kerry Bell and Cecila Driscoll (School Board Rep)

- Traci Strauser from the Girls Softball League requested to the East Park, Mountz Park (for practice) and Woodruff Park on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 – 9 p.m. They will hold 2 games per night. Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Janine made a motion to let the use the fields and James seconded it.
- James spoke on the Spring Fling which will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Aarons Building. The cost of the tickets will be \$50/person or a table for \$375. If anyone wants tickets se James. He will finalize the entertainment soon. James asked to have John Rickard take care of the sound system for the entertainment at a cost of \$150. James made a motion and Kerry seconded it.

There will be three (3) packages available.

- **#1 \$2,500** – Sponsor ‘Invest in the Educator’. This package is to help pay for 4 playground instructors for 6 weeks during the summer. Each instructor will alternate parks. There will be 2 instructors at all times at a park. We will offer games and other different programs. This program will start the end of June and finish up the 1st week in August. (There is already one sold!)
- **#2 \$1,500** – Sponsor a Park. This sponsor will have their name on the park sign.
- **#3 \$500** – Sponsor ‘Invest in their play’. This package is to purchase playground equipment to be taken to the parks by the instructors.
- Clean up Day – The date for the clean up day is Saturday, April 19, 2025. The Chamber wants to Co-Sponsor this event with us. We talked about

obtaining vests from PennDOT and getting contractor trash bags and gloves donated.

- Tangled up in Vines – After some discussion we decided the date will be Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 2 – 6 p.m. at the Yough River Park. There will be an area roped off. The tickets will be \$20. Contact the Police Auxiliary for their help. More information to follow. Janine made the motion to hold it at Yough Park on May 3, 2025 at the above times. Cecilia 2nd the motion.
- Sunset Bazaar – James brought up the idea to hold a night market at Cameron Park on the 2nd Wednesday of May, June, July and August from 6 – 9 p.m. He would like to bring in vendors at \$30 a night or \$100 for all 4 nights. There will be entertainment and open mic. Everyone thought it was a good idea and hopefully would bring people to the park.
- PE in the park will be held again this year.
- River Rally 2nd weekend of June. More information to follow
- A request was made to close East Park for a graduation party. The Zampanelli band would be playing. Suggested the fee should be \$500.
- Kerry notified us that the DCED grant was available up to \$250,000.
- Janine made a motion to close the meeting and James 2nd it.

Respectfully submitted

Janine Brooks (Treasurer – filling in for Tracy)

