**MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 8, 2019**

PRESENT: Jim Pashek, Lois Folino, Wesley Posvar, Jay Troutman, Susan Crookston, Liz Nelson, Dotty Nielsen Members; Gary Koehler, Borough Manager; Dempsey Bruce**,** PWD Superintendent; Shawn Peterson.

ABSENT: Nancy Fales, Member.

 Jim Pashek called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

 Carry-over topics from the December 10, 2018 meeting were discussed.

* It was decided that PWD would only focus their maintainence on the borough’s trail between Riding Meadow and Scott Park, and not the additional trials provided by Shadyside Academy.
* Jim asked the committee for volunteers to design the proposed native meadow along Fox Chapel Road between Delafield and Squaw Run for the native meadow. Lois, Dotty, Liz and Wes all volunteered and will report at the June meeting.
* The Park Committee would like to thank the Alex Scott family for their donation of three benches. Several benches were washed away in the flood. Discussion will continue at the June meeting.

The following items were discussed:

* PWD will continue to clear branches from the trails between Delafield Road and Rockwood Drive.
* Gary provided an update on MS4 Program and streambank erosion control measures.
* Dempsey will install two new posts for trail markers for Salamander Park and the new trail near Shadyside Academy.
* Jay recommended the public be informed that dogs are only allowed at the dog park.
* The infields at McCahill Park are ready for Little League play.
* The need for new members, if any, will be discussed at the June meeting.
* Wesley Posvar was voted new Parks Commission chair.
* Dottie, Liz, and Lois are interested in helping to update the Master Plan by the end of the year. The Fox Chapel Garden Club has asked that a member of the Parks Commission meet with them at their January 29, 2020 meeting to discuss the Plan.
* Lois recommeded a pedestrian crossing sign that lights up and is push-button operated at trails that are close to a main road. Discussion will contiune at the next meeting.
* Installation of Pickle Ball courts was debated.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.