**MINUTES**

**PARK COMMISSION HELD DECEMBER 10, 2018**

PRESENT: Jim Pashek, Nancy Fales, Lois Folino, Wesley Posvar, Dotty Nielsen, Alex Scott, Susan Crookston, Jay Troutman, Members; Gary Koehler, Borough Manager; Dempsey Bruce**,** PWD Superintendent; Jeanine Mancuso, Assistant Finance Director.

ABSENT: Liz Nelson, Member.

ALSO

PRESENT: Peggy Jayme, Fox Chapel Garden Club

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

The minutes of the September, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

 The following items were discussed:

* Dottie recommended the following improvements to Trillium Trail: removal of trees that have fallen across the boardwalk, repair of fence, replacement of rotten boards on boardwalk, widen trail where needed and add gravel to wet/muddy areas. Dempsey noted that this will be completed by PWD within a month, weather permitting.
* Lois reported that Riding Meadow Park needs gravel in muddy spots that occurred due to excessive rain and there are areas of the trail that are unusable because of this. Dempsey stated that the PWD will use the large gravel in stock to eliminate future problems. The crosswalk notification will not be replaced as it was continually hit by passing vehicles.
* Fox Chapel Garden Club will be donating money in 2019; application for request is due immediately. The request will be for establishment of a native meadow along Fox Chapel Road between Delafield and Squaw Run Roads.
* Wesley reported that the stream banks in Salamander Park have eroded. Gary reported that $300,000 of the Borough budget for 2019 is allocated for stream bank restoration under the MS4 program.
* The skating rink will be installed at McCahill Park once the ground is frozen.
* Benches are missing from Scott Park due to the flooding.
* Alex reported that the Trail Stewards are monitoring sections of the trail from Beechwood Farms to O’Hara Township. Their role is to pick up litter and trim small branches and weeds along the trail. Larger issues are emailed to Alex who notifies PWD. In addition, he is working with a donor who may be interested in donating to our parks.
* Wesley suggested that a Trail Map be displayed; he will obtain more information regarding the supplier and cost.
* The 2019 meeting schedule is April 8, June 10, September 9 and December 9. Jim Pashek requested that a new Park Chairman be appointment at the April meeting.

 The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019.

 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.