REC BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1.20.25

1. **MEETING - CALL TO ORDER**
    a. Consideration of Minutes from 1/13/25 = Approved

2. **OLD BUSINESS:**
    a. REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION:
        i. Neffs Park Upgrades already underway = Approved
        ii. Rec Board Priority #1: Johnsons Pond Upgrades, ADA Dock, etc (non-Grant)
        iii. Rec Board Priority #1B: Pickleball Courts @ Municipal Park (non-Grant)
        iv. Rec Board Priority #2: Municipal Park Upgrades Project
        v. Rec Board Priority #3: Independence Park Upgrades Project
        vi. Independence Park Bike Park Discussion:
            1. Skills Park vs Pump Track was discussed
            2. IDEA: Provide a great all-new feature for residents to enjoy, but still keep maintenance down/ not add more maintenance work to NWT Crew (make a paved Pump Track, mimic the Olympic Park Pump Track in Emmaus)
            3. Grant Funded vs Township?
            4. Other failing Playground equipment more important/ higher priority than Pump Track?
        vii. Liz - Jenny invitation: Spoke to the need for more volleyball access (both inside and outside), including Sand Courts (or any material) and the need for more Adjustable Net courts, to allow for more age-range in players (kids/ women can't play on the highest nets). Lots of players in area, but current Township facilities are not workable or playable for various reasons (bees, net too high, etc)
            1. Discussed court material options (Paved Courts Vs Sand vs Grass etc)
            2. Consider converting the Sand Courts to Grass Courts to help w/ maintenance and general use
            3. Lighting would be a "nice to have"
            4. Member offered idea for NWT Property, open field @ Apple Road, been trying to use it for something - could it be a Volleyball Court option?
    b. SENIOR DAY, VETERANS DAY, TREE LIGHTING
        i. Chloe presented results, info and comments from the above events
            1. Tree Lighting was a big hit. More people than anticipated, parking was full, need to review options for next time to increase parking/ overflow, etc
            2. Randy had the idea to add "year-around LED smart lighting" on the Township Barns to change color for various events throughout the year.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**
    a. Upcoming Rec Programs: Chloe reviewed upcoming SS2025 events, info, calendar, comments etc
        i. All events are advertised on Website, Social, Rec Desk (software for ads)
        ii. Chloe mentioned she may need Rec Board help with a few events for example:
            1. Fish Derby Volunteer for scoring, judging, management etc (weekend after Memorial Day @ Copeechan Club 9am-1pm). Chloe to solicit help needed for volunteers to Rec Board. Add post to PA FGB Commission Website.
    b. Review Refund Policy (for Pavilions Rentals, Programs etc)
        i. A few edits were discussed by the group, related to the weather clause, the clarifying/ combining the 14-day clauses, etc
        ii. Add bullets for any child being removed for disciplinary reasons
    c. Review Proposed Fee Schedule for Township Rentals (courts, courses, fields, pavilions)
        i. IDEA: Add “NWT QR Code Sign” to the Field, fence etc, so that anyone can snap to check availability/ sign up
        ii. IDEA: We need more baseball fields, basketball courts, indoor gyms, for local Youth Groups. These are constantly in demand, there is a shortage, and it has become a consistent problem every year
        iii. New Tourneys, Vendors and Events from outside companies bring in new revenue opportunities for the Township when they rent our facilities
        iv. How do we capitalize on events, vendors etc that are renting our facilities?
        v. Comments about “Commercial” rental costs are a bit too low; consider increasing rental costs for Commercial use