NWT REC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
1/19/26

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call:
    a. Jedd
    b. Ray
    c. Mike K.
    d. Rob
    e. Pat
    f. Melissa
    g. Chloe
    h. Rich
    i. Al
    j. Dennis

1. 2026 Org:
    a. Melissa accepts Chair
    b. Jedd accepts Secretary
- Melissa requests to update Rec Board Website

2. Consideration of Previous Minutes:
    a. Sept 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Approved

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recap of Fall/Winter Events and Programs
    a. Chloe shared positive reviews and successful events
    b. Putting Contest was a big hit
2. Hometown Heroes Banner Program
    a. Goal is about 50 Banners - currently 12 applications
    b. IDEA: Place a USA Flag in between the HTH Banners to make it look more substantial or cover a longer distance
3. Township Grants Update
    a. $2500 LHV Tourism Grant - partner with Starflight for a drone show at Schnecksville Fair - show on June 18
    b. Neffs Valley Park - $250k and $300k Grants awarded! Work starting this year, permitting timeline is longer than anticipated. Work being done in 2 phases.
    c. Municipal Park - $250k Grant awarded! Lots of various updates and improvements being planned/ designed - likely to happen in 2027
    d. **2026 DCNR Grant Application is open - what do we want to apply for? Current plan is for updates/ improvements to Independence Park?
        i. PNDI Study prior to grant process
        ii. Check Stahley's Gardening phase 1 study on toxic substances?
        iii. 2026 GRANT GOAL for Independence Park:
            1. New Playground renovation
            2. New Bike Pump Track installation (Paved - match Camp Olympic style)
            3. ADA Compliance Pathways
            4. Pavilion Roofs

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chloe reviewed upcoming 2026 Rec Sponsorships and money levels
2. Prices remained the same, but added a new top tier package: Trail Blazer
3. New Sponsorship Opportunities page and signup form is great/ improved
4. Chloe presented upcoming 2026 Overview of the events and programs

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

1. Jedd asked about anything this group can do to improve Spring Trout Stocking program and increase the amount of Hatcheries stock fish within the Township - promote NWT Fishing activity
    a. Ask Randy about ideas
    b. Ask about Rec Board Fund dollars to be applied towards local Trout Hatcheries - potential proposal for BOS vote
2. Jedd discussed he may try to organize a “Jordan Creek Cleanup” for Summertime. Looking for advice on how to do this and/ or discuss at upcoming meetings to help prioritize this need/ idea
    a. Consider IRT Meeting to promote volunteerism
    b. HS Kids “Leo Club”
3. Dennis K mentioned NWT is getting land and funds from the developers Rising Sun Rd to add a park and playground. Developers will provide parking, etc. We will eventually need to create a plan for a new Playground Site at this location.