

# Albany Township Recreation Board

**Date:** Monday, January 6th, 2025

**Time:** 7:35 PM

In-person meeting

## Members Present:

- Stephen Hamm, Chairman
- Renee Olszewski, Secretary
- Sandy Wessner, Vice Chairman (Stepping down)
- Steve Wade

## Members Absent:

- Lucy Muth

## Agenda Items:

### 1. Christmas Card and Donation

#### Discussion:

- Peggy Light wrote a thoughtful Christmas card to the park and included a \$150.00 donation.

### 2. Purple Martin House

#### Discussion:

- The Purple Martin House has arrived and will be installed once the ground conditions are appropriate.
- The board is exploring different sign options for the Purple Martin House.

### 3. Grant Monitoring

#### Discussion:

- Steve Wade will be keeping an eye on upcoming grants for future park improvements.

### 4. Free Seed Library Proposal

#### Discussion:

- Jenna van Zyverden proposed a Free Seed Library for the park—a small house where the community can swap garden seeds.
- **Motion:** Steve Hamm motioned to send the proposal to the supervisors for approval. Steve Wade seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

### 5. Park Maps

#### Discussion:

- The board members are looking into maps for the park.
- Renee Olszewski will look into local map artist Jess Husband for a cost estimate.

### 6. Loop Sealing Update

#### Discussion:

- The edges of the loop have been sealed as per last month's meeting.
- The entire loop will be sealed in the spring, as the current weather conditions are not ideal for full sealing.

### 7. Grass Path Accessibility

#### Discussion:

- The board has discussed ways to make the grass paths more accessible for walking.

- Proposed solutions are all costly, so the board will look into several different options.
- The Delps Community Park in Lehigh Township uses crushed compacted stone for their paths, which seems promising.
- Steve Hamm will contact Delps Park for instructions on how to implement this. The idea is to try a small section of this path from the parking lot to the bridge by the historical society loop, assess its effectiveness, and then see about funding for the other paths.

#### **8. Vice Chairman Change**

##### **Discussion:**

- Sandy Wessner will step down as Vice Chairman.
- **Motion:** Steve Hamm motioned to elect Lucy Muth as Vice Chairman. Steve Wade seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 PM**

**Next Meeting:** February 3rd, 2025

##### **Submitted by:**

Renee Olszewski, Secretary