

On Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 7:34 AM Doug Roth <droth@penntownship.org> wrote:

Good Morning and Happy New Year!

Some news to report about the Penn Township Parks. We did receive notice that we will be getting a grant for \$300,000.00 from DCNR and LWCF (not sure what LWCF stands for, it is a Federal entity). We will not be able to do any construction until fall at the earliest which is a bummer, but better than not doing anything. I would like to have you guys comment on the proposed phase 2 when we come up with something. We are looking at a larger pavilion, adult work out area, restroom, swing set and I would like to add 2 pickleball courts because I have the nets and posts for 2 courts. The trail will be paved and I have approval to purchase a 52 foot bridge to span the creek behind the storage barn, but the sales person hasn't been very engaging. I will keep working him.

You noticed that the red bank barn is gone, and the millings pile is gone. We placed the millings on the trails behind the storage barn taking advantage of the dry summer and fall. We have a lot of millings here at the road garage and I hope to get them over to the park in the spring, weather permitting. If we have any millings left over, we will use them in phase 2.

I have been in contact with the Audubon, they are going to recommend native species (trees and shrubs) that we can use to plant at the Park. I would really like to have a plan for planting trees instead of our random plantings of what ever is available. They said they would also look into providing a couple chimney swift towers which can also be used as an information kiosks. The pandemic has put a whammy on a lot of those plans as it has with a lot of other plans.

Renfrew Park is done except for the pickleball court and handicap sidewalk. A scout is to do this work for his Eagle badge, but I haven't heard from him for awhile. I met with him on July 7th and was told they would start soon, then I contacted him in August and he told me he couldn't start until he had my signature. I signed his paper work and was he would be starting in 2 weeks, then I took the net and posts to his house with a note saying what we could do to help and asked him to let me know but I haven't heard back. It is too late to do anything now, hopefully we will hear from him in the spring. The new playground is in and if you haven't seen it, it is worth a look.

Scott was approved for another 5 year park appointment last night, congratulations Scott. I would like to keep the Park committee together through emails and haven't scheduled any meetings for the year although, we may have a meeting or 2 if things improve and as we get closer to bid time.

Stay safe and feel free to get with me if you have any questions or comments.

Doug