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Park update - 08-10-2021

Just a quick update on what is happening with the Penn Township parks. Renfrew Park finally has the new play equipment installed. This was supposed to be done in March, but due to the pandemic, everything was set back and schedules were in disarray. We are still waiting for the fall material to be installed which is in the storage building at Harcrest. I have emailed the contractor a couple times now, but haven't got him to commit to a date yet. We have the playground taped off, but I understand there are kids playing there anyway. A scout, Haden Hughes is to put in the sidewalk and the pickleball court, but again, I haven't heard anything from him recently. We were pleased that we cut the costs of Renfrew Park by nearly half of what was projected. The play set was on sale and had to be purchased before Christmas last year in order to get the sale price. We saved \$36 K by moving quickly and purchasing. The Public Works Dept. did a lot of site work and a Kuaner Concrete from Renfrew gave us a good deal on the concrete work. We have spent about \$98 K at this time, the projected cost was \$180 K.

Harcrest Park is moving along slowly. We have been really busy, but have been able to take advantage of the dry weather and get some trail dug out. We still have a smaller pile of millings to put down and hope to get to it soon. Once we have the millings pile gone, we can move the topsoil we dug out of the trails into the area where the millings were. Looking forward to that. The red barn is gone and we were pleased with the contractor Salvage Pittsburgh. They were neat about the removal and saved a lot of the wood and other items. They have 2 stores, one in Mars and the other in Wexford in case you would like to visit. Lance Welliver and I have been talking about the grant application, he is going to send us paper work that states we will not use the Park for anything other than outdoor activities. The Board of Supervisors will make this decision after we look over the forms. This is a requirement of DCNR for a different grant than the one we applied for. My understanding is that they think we will have a better chance getting this grant because of the amount we are asking for. I don't see any problem with it, we never intended to do anything other than a Park, but they want that security for the future. Lastly, I have found a bridge for a reasonable cost, but we are concerned about our wage tax hit. The Township has lost about \$70 K so far and until things settle down, we are being careful with our spending. The bridge is 52 feet long and 6 feet wide. It costs about \$20 K.

Is everyone okay with these updates? I really don't see the point in meeting, but we can if you like. We are just going through a period of inactivity. I heard that there are a couple more possible scout projects in the works, but I haven't been approached by anyone other than Haden Hughes and that was in early July. I will let you know if anything comes up.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks

Doug