

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report 2020**

**October**

- **Movie Night “The Biggest Little Farm”:** (joint effort with AAC) **Cancelled due to COVID.** Would usually use the school gym for movies (have a very large screen and great sound equipment). No residents allowed into school buildings at present (other than students and staff). Will discuss with AAC showing virtually.
- **Fall Yard Sale, October 17-18<sup>th</sup>:** Minimal effort for PRC. Put signs out that week, create a sign up for people to add addresses and publish across social media and twp website. Well supported. Residents liked that we had a 2<sup>nd</sup> one this year.  
(PRC Cost: \$0)
- **Fall Music Festival, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** postponed from 11<sup>th</sup> due to weather. Event was decently supported (approx. 100 people). Could have been better but in the COVID circumstances it was acceptable. This was a High School youth organized event in conjunction with PRC. Nine performing groups/ individuals performed for free. Food Trucks (Dan’s Waffles, Kona Ice) were well received. Amwell Valley Fire Co.(AVFC) and Amwell Valley Ambulance Corps. (AVAC) in attendance. Performers would like to do this again next Spring.  
(Cost: Music: Free, Supplies/incidentals: \$0)

**November**

- **Trivia Night (at OYC or Harvest Moon):** **Cancelled due to COVID** indoor gathering restrictions. Consider again next year. Look into Virtual version.
- **Purchase of 20’x10’ Pop Up Tent for use at PRC events:** The tent previously purchased 18 months ago was bad quality and broke after a couple of uses. We have now purchased a good quality, robust model. Plus need leg weights for using tent on blacktop.  
(Cost: \$240 for the tent and \$40 for the leg weights)

**December**

- **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Township Holiday Gathering & Tree Lighting Event, December 4<sup>th</sup>:** Due to COVID indoor gathering restrictions this event was moved entirely outdoors. Food Truck (Bites & Bowls) to eliminate sharing of treats. With further restrictions invoked we had to resort to a virtual “live” event. All details were covered however the event had to be **cancelled due to heavy rain.** Instead we enlisted the help of Matt Miller to create video clips of holiday messages from the members of the Township Committee, PRC, The Clerk and Santa & his Elf on the night of the Township Committee Meeting. M. Miller edited these together with photos and videos from previous years Tree Lighting events. This was

broadcast out to the community through the website and social media. We donated the candy canes we bought for the live event to the Fire Company for their Santa Tour. The committee feel like this (the video message) is something we would like to do each year going forward in addition to the regular Tree Lighting Event.  
(Cost: Supplies/incidentals: \$135)

- **Township Wide House Decoration Contest:** Having initiated the discussion about having a township wide contest in our September meeting, we discovered that the RVAC was thinking of doing this for just the village with the underlying mission of spreading the word of their committee's mission to the village residents. On that basis we shelved our plan to do a town wide version. Feedback implies that everyone thought it was a great idea, however those outside of the village wished it included the whole town. We would like to resume our plans next year for the PRC to run a town wide contest.
- **Bus Trip:** Postponed due to COVID.
- **Girl Scout Silver Award Project:** Sasha Terebetsky presented her award project at the December PRC meeting to install a Free Little Library in the gazebo in Clawson Park. PRC approved and moved it up to the TC for review. After presentation at the December 23<sup>rd</sup> TC Meeting, PRC and DPW will now work with Sasha to get this built and installed as soon as feasible.

#### **December Meeting discussions for 2021**

- We are hosting a Virtual Bingo Night on January 17<sup>th</sup>. If successful we will hold more and similar virtual events. We are also looking at a possible Virtual Trivia Night, Pet Photo Contests etc
- Working with a group of residents to create a seating area in Clawson Park in memory of Trish Buckwalter. Aiming for Spring dedication ceremony. J. Silverthorn involved.
- Dedication by Rider – PRC would like to proceed with this application to enable fundraising for specifically Clawson Park related activities.
- Looking to pursue potential grant applications to progress the renovation of the tennis court area.
- Would like to establish a self funding youth tennis program. Have a coach in mind.