The Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Daniel Zimmerman. In attendance were Committee Members Nate Oehme, Scott Goldman, Maria Tivoli and Melissa Landis.

**UPDATE ON RAILS-TO-TRAILS: FINAL COMPLETION SCHEDULE:** D. Zimmerman stated work will begin on the bridge on Monday, October 29th. The Regional Committee would like to do a small opening ceremony after completion this winter and then a more formal opening ceremony in the spring. PennDOT will inspect the crossing at Rothsville Road. The brochure for the trail has been revised and will include more history along with the rules and regulations and a map revision.

D. Zimmerman stated the Regional Committee meets on Wednesday, October 24th. One issue that the Regional Committee needs to address is how to handle events that utilize the trail system. There will be a presenter from the Northwest Trail at the meeting on the 24th who will discuss how they handle this type of situation. N. Oehme stated he felt if an organization were requesting the trail to be shut down for an event that there should be a charge because the trail is then being taken away from public use for which it was intended. If organizations were charged a fee, this money could then be put into a maintenance fund for the upkeep of the trail. Another point to consider was how often the trail should be shut down. D. Zimmerman stated the Committee could allow each municipality to shut the trail down one time a year to start and see how it goes and find out how the public feels and proceed from there. The Committee felt the size of the event and a time frame would also need to be set. D. Zimmerman will share this feedback with the Regional Committee meeting on Wednesday.

**MUNICIPAL CAMPUS REPLACEMENT PLAYGROUND PIECE STATUS-2019 PROJECT:** M. Landis stated there were leftover funds from the fundraising done for the integrated playground equipment for Saylor Park. With this leftover money a swing will be purchased and placed at the Spruce Street Park as well as at the New Street Park. Even after the purchase of these two swings there will still be money left over and a piece will be bought for the municipal campus playground. D. Zimmerman showed a sample of the material to be used for the surface of the playground at the municipal campus. The material consists of rubber in a slurry mix that is poured in layers and is absorbable. M. Tivoli will get playground piece quotes and send them to D. Zimmerman.

**SAYLOR PARK REFORESTATION PROJECT-UPDATE:** D. Zimmerman stated the project will start in the spring of 2019.

**WRRC UPDATE:** M. Tivoli stated the Rec Center received the 1.5 million dollar RCAT grant as well as a $100,000.00 grant from DCED for the pool restoration project. The DCNR grant award recipients will be released next month. Currently the Rec is working on a set design. The timeline of the grant to get the money is March 1, 2019. Once the set design is completed the capitol campaign will be rolled out. The target to start construction of the pool is the end of the 2019 season.
2018 PLAYGROUND PROGRAM: M. Tivoli stated overall the numbers were good despite all the rain that occurred over the summer. She stated the Friday activity day was always the highest day of the week. Rothsville had an improvement in numbers with more consistency this summer from previous summers. The program was offered in Elizabeth Township however the numbers were small. M. Tivoli stated once the word gets out about the program being held at this location, these numbers might improve.

M. Tivoli stated the hockey court at the Lions Park was a big hit this summer. The Rec is looking at possibly getting an adult hockey league started.

D. Zimmerman stated the pavilion at the Lions Park needs some repairs done to the roof and to the electrical outlets.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Zimmerman
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