

Director's Report - May 2020

Wedding and Event Rentals/Events - Last week, I started showings for weddings for later this summer and 2021. I have booked one for July, one potential for August and one for 2021. As for the existing bookings, three weddings have moved to next year, one to August and now one has requested a refund. Our first wedding at this point is June 27, an outdoor ceremony.

Grassland/Wildflower Meadow – We finally managed to get the Wildflower/Grassland Meadow planted last week with the help of the Pheasant's Forever Truax drill and one of our local neighbor's tractor and his willingness to spend hours with me trying to figure out to operate drill. We will see some growth in the meadow by the end of this summer, but it will be next summer when we see it's true potential.

Grants - We again received the grant from the Lancaster Sierra Club to complete work on the Pollinator Garden and work on the Meadow. I have not been able to make any progress with BBT on the Federal Small Business Administration - Disaster Loan Assistance – Loan/Grant, so I have moved to the application to Ephrata National Bank.

Covid – 19 - Playground/Pavilion – After a meeting with Terry Martin last week, we have decided to leave the barrier to the back and continue to have the playground/pavilion closed through at least the end of May. We did however, move the picnic tables out into the park so families could picnic together.

With the warmer weather, we have seen a continuing increase in use of the park. Additionally, the creek was stocked several times in late April and early May and we have a lot of folks fishing along with picnicking.

Events – We will have a meeting in several weeks to discuss options and possibilities for our Fall and Winter Events.

Merchandise Marketing – I will soon be meeting with Brad to discuss the best opportunities and avenues to market our products.

Township Meeting

We had a Zoom meeting and again much of the discussion surrounded Covid-19 changes. Jeff attended the meeting and made an appeal for funds to expand our Financial Review to an Audit so that we may participate in the Extragive Community Fundraiser this year. The Memorial Day parade, band and ceremony has been cancelled this year.

Garden Committee – we continue to work on the gardens and planted our summer flowers in the gardens, barrels and urns on May 1st.

Property Maintenance Committee – we had a meeting on May 11th on the front porch of the mansion. We discussed summer projects and starting back with the organized mowing committees at the end of the month and the new mowing for ball field area. We are also looking at repainting the sign posts and billboards. Terry Hartranft's grandson will be taking on this project for his high school community service.

Kind Regards,

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