

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON APRIL 22, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

2020 Board President, Christy Tuper, called the meeting to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Christy Tuper stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public laws of 1975 Chapter 231. It has been properly advertised and certified."

ROLL CALL

Present: Kathy Gorman, Gary Margiotta, Christy Tuper, Susan Weiss, Warren Wisse

Absent: Darryl Wuhrl

NEW BUSINESS

Christy Tuper asks the committee to approve the change in field use application for the following sport organization:

Field Use Application (amendment)

Skylands Sports Club – High Point Heat Softball

2nd Annual Country Girls Tournament

Woodbourne Park Fields 1 & 2

August 14 - 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

August 15 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 16 – 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(previously scheduled for May 15 thru May 17, 2020)

Gary Margiotta made the motion to approve the change of dates for Skylands Sports Club – High Point Heat Softball and Warren Wisse seconded it.

AYES: Gorman, Margiotta, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse NAYS: none ABSENT: Wuhrl

OLD BUSINESS

Wantage Works Out: The recreation committee discusses the new Wantage Works Out virtual program. Everyone agrees that it seems to be getting a good reception from our residents. Christy Tuper advises that the governing body approved the creation of a township YouTube page for virtual activities to be posted to.

Fishing Contest: The recreation committee discusses holding the fishing contest at Lake Neepaulin on Saturday, July 11th. It is agreed to post a tentative date waiting to see where the Governor's executive orders stand at that point with holding a gathering with a large

amount of people. It is suggested that we require residents to wear gloves and masks during the contest and allow boats with one occupant.

Wantage Fall Festival: The committee discusses the fall festival and whether it is a good idea to begin soliciting for vendors and activities at this time due to the COVID-19 virus and the potential of it spiking again in the Fall. It is suggested that we plan for it on a smaller scale maybe hosting a picnic with music and some activities that are easily cancelled if need be. Cathy Gorman asks Nicole Dunn to reach out to past vendors with a save the date to see if there is interest in them participating.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Nicole Dunn updates the committee with responses to questions asked at the March recreation meeting.

- The sprinkler system on Fields 5 and 6 at Woodbourne Park are working.
- It will be asked of DPW to check for bees under the equipment boxes on a regular basis and continue to spray when needed.
- There were no addition port-a-johns added to parks or fields due to lack of sports over the past season. SeptiCare did advise that their units were damaged when shortages in hand sanitizer happened as residents broke open the sanitizer units and stole the hand sanitizer out of them. He cannot replace them yet as he hasn't been able to order sanitizer himself due to backorders and lack of supply.

Christy Tuper asks Nicole to reach out to Sussex Wantage Little League for an update on the progress of the field at Lott Road. She also asks if DPW can clean up some of the moss that is growing on the walking path at Woodbourne Park.

Susan Weiss states she is seeing more bikes on the walking paths at Woodbourne Park. Both Susan and Gary Margiotta are concerned someone will get hurt by a biker on the path. Christy Tuper asks if we can remind residents on our websites to please stay off the walking paths with bicycles.

Warren Wisse advises that The Elks are planning on going forward with The Moving Wall coming to Woodbourne Park in September 2020.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Jean Perlee of 133 Sherman Ridge Road asks if the Berry Road property meeting will still be held. Cathy Gorman advises that it will not. Jean also asks if the Recreation Committee has discussed any ideas for the Berry Road property to share with the governing body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathy Gorman makes a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, seconded by Susan Weiss.

Ayes: Gorman, Margiotta, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Wuhrl

Kathy Gorman makes a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, seconded by Susan Weiss.

Ayes: Gorman, Margiotta, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Wuhrl

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Warren Wisse to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Gary Margiotta

Ayes: Gorman, Margiotta, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Wuhrl

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary