

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON MAY 27, 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: Gary Margiotta, Christy Tuper, Susan Weiss, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Event: Plant Exchange: Susan Weiss suggests creating a plant exchange as a new event for residents. Residents who are looking to add new plants to their yard or have extra plants in their yard from multiplying can gather at Woodbourne Park for an exchange. Christy Tuper asks me to email a format of our Event Plans to Susan so she can put together a rough draft of how she envisions the event would work. There is discussion of possibly having a plant exchange in the fall and spring of each year.

Christy Tuper states that Kathy Gorman has stepped down from the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee adding that everyone on the committee wishes her well.

OLD BUSINESS

Wantage Fall Festival: It is discussed that with Ms. Gorman stepping down from the recreation committee, we will need someone who can organize the Wantage Day Fall Festival. The committee discussed changing the fall festival date from October 10th to October 17, 2020 as many recreation committee members are not available on October 10th. A motion was made by Warren Wisse and seconded by Gary Margiotta to change the fall festival date to October 17th.

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

Fishing Contest: The recreation committee discussed not charging residents an entrance fee for the fishing contest held at Lake Neepaulin this year due to the COVID-19 virus possibly causing financial difficulties on residents. A motion was made by Warren Wisse and seconded by Darryl Wuhrl, to approve no charge for the fishing contest.

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

Easter Egg Hunt: The recreation committee discussed whether it would be possible to hold the Easter Egg Hunt in July should the Governor lift the restrictions on the number of people who could attend an outside gathering.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Warren Wisse states that as of today he has not heard that the Vietnam Wall coming to Woodbourne Park has been cancelled.

There are no committee member reports.

Nicole Dunn discusses with the committee that a farmer has over-sprayed his field he hays by the pavilion killing the grass in the area. DPW is going to reseed this week.

Nicole Dunn advises the committee that the pavilion lights are continually being used by residents. Mike Restel, township administrator, has suggested the power be shut down at the main breaker. When Mrs. Dunn went to check on the pavilion, the panel for the breaker box was broken by someone to access the electricity. DPW is going to fix the box preventing anyone from accessing the electricity. Mr. Wuhrl asks who will be the person to turn the power on/off should someone renting the pavilion need it. Mrs. Dunn states the Governor has not opened pavilions at parks for use as of yet, but when the time comes that we need the power at the pavilion, the township will turn it on for them. Mr. Wisse suggests the township could put a snow fence around the pavilion to keep people out of it.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Jean Perlee of 133 Sherman Ridge Road asks if the Berry Road property is currently open for fishing and walking. Ms. Perlee is advised that it is open, and walkers are to remain on the grassy part of the walkway. Nicole Dunn states she will forward the fishing contest flyer to Ms. Perlee to be published on the township website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Darryl Wuhrl makes a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, seconded by Gary Margiotta.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Susan Weiss to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Darryl Wuhrl.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary