

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON OCTOBER 28, 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."

Ms. Tuper asks everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Heather Hill, Christy Tuper, Susan Weiss, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl

Absent: Gary Margiotta

NEW BUSINESS

The recreation committee discusses its budget for the Year 2021. Discussion continues as to possible recreational activities that would require additional budget requests.

OLD BUSINESS

The recreation committee discusses how the fireworks event went and any changes that should be made for future events. Both Christy Tuper and Warren Wisse stated that they had multiple residents reach out to them saying what a fantastic firework show it was and thanked the township for putting it on. Warren states he feels fireworks should be added to future Wantage Day events and added to the budget. Susan Weiss stated a few of her neighbors were surprised by the noise and did not know the fireworks were happening. Nicole Dunn thanked the township's emergency response volunteers for helping with the directing of traffic and parking for the event.

The recreation committee discusses the upcoming tree lighting and how to proceed with the event during the pandemic. Nicole Dunn advises the committee that Sussex Fire Department has contacted her to advise they have taken down the lights to check and repair them. The committee decides to have Santa light the tree and stand in front of the tree where he can wave to residents as they drive by. Santa's elves will be standing 6 feet apart along the driveway for cars to pull up and receive a gift from Santa. Susan Weiss suggests a car decorating contest this year judged by the recreation committee.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Jean Perlee, Sherman Ridge Road, suggests moving the tree lighting back to the municipal building if we are worried about traffic backing up on Route 23.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Christy states to hold off on the 2021 Budget talks. The committee discussed ideas and improvements to parks they would like considered in budget discussions.

Warren Wisse stated to the committee that a resident on Armstrong Road advised him they have been seeing tail lights driving at night on the Berry Road property. Nicole Dunn stated she will let the township administrator know.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Tuper calls for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Susan Weiss and seconded by Warren Wisse

Ayes: Hill, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse Nays: None
Absent: Margiotta Abstain: Wuhrl

ADJOURNMENT

Christy Tuper calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Christy Tuper, and seconded by Warren Wisse

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

Respectfully submitted,

NICOLE DUNN, Secretary
Wantage Township Park and Recreation Advisory Committee