



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES 10-16-18 7PM

MEMBERS: CHAIRMAN ANDREW VASKAS, VICE CHAIRMAN BRYAN GRIMM; BRAD DEHART, KEN LEHR, DENISE VANVALKENBURG STAFF: MARY HUNDT, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

ABSENT: NICK BOCCELLA

Administration

Approval of September Minutes: Bryan moved, Denise seconded, all in favor.

Board Vacancy: Neither of the two potential new members are in attendance. Mary will specifically invite them to the next meeting and the holiday party to get to know them more. Mary will advertise once again in the next Crier and the next Parks & Rec Notify Me. The Board is hoping to make a decision by year's end.

Budget Proposal Review: Mary reviewed the proposed budget and responded to questions. Andrew moved to recommend approval of the proposed 2019 Parks & Recreation budget to the Board of Supervisors, and Denise seconded, all in favor.

Programs & Events

GO WilMa!

Mary will be presenting a session on *GO WilMa!* at the 2019 Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Annual Conference. She will have representatives of the program present to share their perspectives and respond to questions including with Ken as a Parks & Recreation Board member, Jason Lang, Director of Parks & Recreation from East Goshen township and an Inspiration Station Host, and Rosalie Dietz, retired Executive Director of Paoli Library as Programming Partner who's *GO WilMa!* participation Mary secured in 2011.

Camps Approval Update

Mary will send the Board's October 16 recommendation to expand the Willistown Summer Camps to 8 weeks along with its recommendation to establish a Willistown after-school sports camp to the Township Manager for consideration by the Supervisors. Mary will inform the Patriots Camp representatives of the decision.

Parks in Tune and on Tap Update

Mary spoke with one of the owners of Locust Lane Brewing Company, who does Historic Sugartown's events, and he said he would be interested in coming to a Township event should the program be approved. She spoke with the Chief of Police who has no objections to such programming, and reported on how a couple of other municipalities host beer gardens at their events. As a last step in her research, she is in touch with the Township's insurance carrier and will report back on her findings regarding insurance at the next Board meeting.

Okehocking Coffee Klatch

The group agreed on the following possible dates: November 17 or 18; December 2; December 8 or 9. Mary will let the group know the final dates.

Public Outreach/Input:

Short Programming Survey: Discussion regarding asking about yoga, Parks in Tune and on Tap; and an elementary school after school sports program.

Park Ambassador Program: Mary asked the group to post fliers regarding the Parks and Recreation Board vacancy to the Park Kiosks

Park Management

Okehocking Dog Management & Outreach Program:

Education: Mary is working on completing the tri-fold flier.

Enforcement: Per previous Board discussions, Mary has been addressing code enforcement with the Township Manager and Chief of Police. She will report back.

Spotted Lanternfly

Mary discussed the arrival of the Spotted Lanternfly and the threat it poses to the Township's parks and residential back yards. She announced a meeting being hosted by Willistown Parks & Recreation on Thursday, November 15 at General Wayne Elementary Auditorium and asked the Board members to spread the word. She had previously emailed a Stewardship Bulletin that she compiled to the Board for posting in the kiosks.

Greentree

Mary updated the Board on the possible Greentree Park addition.

Trails/Planning

Troutbeck Farm: Mary provided an update on the status of the development project, and that she will be arranging a meeting with Nick and the Township planning and engineering consultants to discuss the project and trails.

New Business

Code Update

Trails and Sidewalks: The Board wants to take a look at the current Township code to be sure it adequately calls for trails and sidewalks.

Impact Fees

Andrew inquired about impact fees. A discussion ensued. Ken will share the pertinent code from West Goshen.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment: Ken moved, Denise seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7PM; the Board discussed its tradition of having a holiday dinner in lieu of the December meeting. Brad offered to check with his wife about hosting this year.

All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary N. Hundt
Recording Secretary