



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MINUTES 3-21-2013

Present: Dick McDonnell, Ken Lehr, Bob Kacergis, Andrew Vaskas,
Tracey Ramondo Staff: Mary McLoughlin, Director of Parks and Recreation
Absent: Steve Eill, George McHugh
Note: "Board" refers to the Parks and Recreation Board

Administration

New Board Approach: The Board has agreed to shorter meetings geared toward action items only; correspondence and reviews of items to occur between meetings.

1-17-13 Minutes for Approval: Mr. Lehr motion; Mr. McDonnell second; all in favor.
(Note: there are no February minutes as there was no quorum.)

Unfinished Business

Cross Municipal Promotion – December 2012 Minutes: "The Board is in favor of Willistown Parks and Recreation coordinating with neighboring parks departments to cross promote parks and programming in the area." Ms. McLoughlin discussed this with Mr. Burman who requested a written request for permission to proceed from Ms. McLoughlin.

Crum Creek Open Space at Jaffrey Road Parkland Designation: Ms. McLoughlin discussed the Board's hesitation at this designation and the comments questioning the functionality and potential use as parkland. Mr. Burman informed her that the properties can remain designated as "Open Space" and will not be placed under the purview of the Board and Parks and Recreation Department. The Board was pleased with the decision.

The Board will schedule a site visit for the potential parkland this Spring.

2013 Events Sign Up – Mr. McDonnell is available on all dates and will fill in whatever slots are needed. Ms. McLoughlin will send spreadsheet to individual members for further sign up.

Potential Dog Park Location: Currently 2 locations at Okehocking Preserve are in play. After extensive discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. McDonnell will write a memo to the Supervisors stating the Board would like input on decisions about this project throughout the process, as the Dog Park will fall under their and the Parks & Recreation Department purview.

Mr. Vaskas inquired about the Parks ordinance and the firearm language. Ms. McLoughlin reported it was with the Supervisors for their approval.

New Business

GO WilMa! Theme: Based upon the National Summer Reading Program themes of "Dig Into Reading" (children's), "Beneath the Surface" (teens), and "Groundbreaking Reads" (adults), the Get Outside Willistown and Malvern outdoor adventure program theme is "Get Outside and Explore the Earth!"

Okehocking Preserve Eco Discovery Summer Camps: Hosted by the Upper Main Line Y Environmental Education Center, the camps will run in July. Information is at willistownparks.org and umly.org.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

7PM 4-18-13

Adjournment

Mr. McDonnell, motion; Mr. Lehr, second; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary McLoughlin, Recording Secretary.