

MEETING MINUTES

RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
6:00 PM

The Recreation Advisory Council (RAC) met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Potteiger Park, New Kingstown, PA 17072.

REGULAR MEETING

In attendance were Parks and Recreation Manager Kristy Owens, RAC Chairman Scott Pepperman, RAC Members Jim Smith, Rhoda Ioerger, Tim Young and Dave Powell.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Scott Pepperman called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

Parks and Recreation Manager Kristy Owens provided an overview of the following items:

- Ash trees were removed at Willow Mill Park. Public Works scheduled to remove stumps in the fall.
- New construction at Potteiger Park is nearly complete (trails and pavilion); playground to be completed by June 30.
- Ribbon cutting at the Vince DiFilippo Nature Preserve to be held on July 20, 2017.
- Fees for recreation software are increasing, therefore Rec. Dept is looking for alternative options to reduce costs.
- Charter Homes started construction work at Paul Walters the week of May 1, 2017.
- It was decided that picnic tables at Willow Mill Park should be moved to a different location in the park after the demolition of the bumper car pavilion. A new location was agreed upon with members.

- **LIAISON REPORT**

Supervisor Bob Seader sent along a brief statement with Chairman Pepperman for him to read.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathi Pifer, Chairman of the New Kingstown Vision Committee, was in attendance. Kathi discussed possible donations to Potteiger Park. Donations may be for lighting - this has been discussed with Tom Kilko at the Township. The Township is looking into costs for the lighting. Scott Pepperman discussed the possibility of joining with NKVC in an effort to obtain additional grants to improve the community (i.e. streetscape development). Scott Pepperman also noted the Restore the Church 5k on October 14, 2017 at Willow Mill Park. This will benefit the Committee's efforts to restore the Hogestown Church it recently acquired. Scott Pepperman stated that Scott Mehring has indicated that once the church improvement have been completed, available space at the church would be offered to the Township to utilize. NKVC is also looking into a community clean-up day. New Kingstown community days are to be held on July 29 in New Kingstown.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 2017 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion from Young/Ioerger. Motion unanimously approved.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Park “Ownership” - Each RAC member is responsible to visually inspect a park of their choice and report their findings to the Recreation Department/RAC.
 - Dave - Paul Walters Park
 - Rhoda - Pleasant View Park
 - Jim - Potteiger Park
 - Tim - Vince Difilippo Nature Preserve
 - Mark - Hidden Creek
 - Scott - Willow Mill Park
 - Dave W - Stoney Ridge Park
- Update on Earth Day activities – there were 75 participants for the Earth Day activities.
- Keith Marston, member of the Township’s Veterans Memorial Committee, was in attendance. The Committee’s Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament will be held on May 20, 2017 at Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. The Memorial Day program will be held on May 29, 2017.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Parks & Recreation Manager presented a proposal from consultants hired to revise the recreation fees and mandatory dedication ordinance. They’re suggesting that the Township consider using appraised values to determine the fee and to also consider commercial recreation fees. Research is being conducted by staff and requires interdepartmental collaboration. Examples of ordinances were collected and it appears that others in Cumberland County are also charging commercial fees. Some of these municipalities are similar in size. The planning commission asked staff to further review the need for additional parkland and a more accurate example showing what a typical fee might look like for a commercial business.

- **LAND DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING REVIEW** – None.

- **STAFF COMMENTS** - None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion from Ioerger/Smith.

Minutes provided by Recording Secretary, Smith/Pepperman.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm