

# MEETING MINUTES

## RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2017  
6:00 PM

The Recreation Advisory Council (RAC) met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, 8 Flowers Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

### REGULAR MEETING

In attendance were Parks and Recreation Manager Kristy Owens, Supervisor Bob Seader, RAC Chairman Scott Pepperman, RAC Members Rhoda Ioerger, Dave Wiehbrect, Tim Young and Mark Yasenchak.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Pepperman called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

#### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

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

- A. A meeting/forum was held with the residents of Carmella neighborhood to solicit feedback on Township parks and recreation programs. Tim Young attended with Kristy. Attendance and feedback was great.
- B. Parks and Recreation is currently searching for new software to assist in managing its operations.
- C. The old bumper car pavilion at Willow Mill Park will be deconstructed due to safety concerns.

#### III. LIAISON REPORT

Supervisor Bob Seader provided a brief review of relevant agenda items from recent Board of Supervisors meetings.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Scott Mehring, Chairman of the Township's Hogestown Heritage Committee, was in attendance. Scott discussed the interaction of the Committee with Kristy on the annual Spring Clean and Green Community Day and described various other initiatives of their Committee. Scott also noted the annual Chicken BBQ the Committee will hold on May 20, 2017, as well as the Restore the Church 5k on October 14, 2017 at Willow Mill Park. The later will benefit the Committee's efforts to restore the Hogestown Church it recently acquired. The Committee has a goal of hold a fundraiser every month to raise money. RAC members used this time to review discuss potential trail access to Willow Mill Park from the Hogestown area. Old Willow Mill Road may be an option and will be investigated and discussed further at the next meeting. Scott will plan to attend the next RAC Regular Meeting.
- B. 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.

#### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 2017 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion from Ioerger/Young. Minutes from the March 2017 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion from Young/Ioerger.

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#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The Parks and Recreation brochure will be completed in the next two weeks. Kristy will send a copy to RAC Members for review.
- B. The Township will move forward with updating its Comprehensive Plan this Summer. The Township's various Committees/Councils will be consulted.
- C. Kristy is still investigating the Hidden Creek easement and potential trail access.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The new Kingstown Vision Committee will be invited to the next RAC Regular Meeting to continue the goal better interaction and idea generation amongst Township committees and residents.
- B. Mark Yasenchak suggested the idea of RAC members assuming assignments for park "ownership" to provide more dedicated appreciation and understanding of individual park needs as well as feedback the residents that utilize them. RAC members would report out their thoughts and ideas periodically through this more intimate knowledge of their assigned park(s). The idea will be discussed further at the May Regular Meeting.
- C. RAC members discussed holding Regular Meetings during the Spring/Summer months at various Township parks. It was agreed that next month's RAC Regular Meeting would be held at Potteiger Park.

#### **VIII. LAND DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING REVIEW – None.**

#### **IX. STAFF COMMENTS - None.**

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion from Young/Yasenchak.

Minutes provided by Recording Secretary, Mark Yasenchak.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

*Please note the next Regular Meeting will be held at Potteiger Park.*