

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from April 2, 2019

In Attendance: James Convey, Joanne Crawford, Kevin Kissling, Tom Manley, Megan O'Rourke, Cathy Peduzzi (CSD Liaison), Melissa Sterling (BOS Liaison), Emily Fox (WAC Liaison), Thomas Blomstrom (Parks and Recreation Director), Jon Walker (Parks and Recreation Staff – Meeting Minutes).

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building at Koontz Park.

Joanne Crawford led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the February 5, 2019 meeting motioned to approve by Kevin Kissling, Tom Manley seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Board Liaison:

- Whitemarsh Athletic Association: Tom Manley will continue as the PR Board Representative for the Whitemarsh Athletic Association. Tom attended the March 25th, 2019 meeting from 7:00-9:00pm at the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. They toured the gym afterwards. Tom Manley said the meeting went very well and it is great to get the sports leadership together in that fashion annually.
- 4th of July Committee: Tom Blomstrom will send a list of meeting dates out to the Parks and Recreation Board in early April. Joanne Crawford asked if anyone else wanted to be a PR Board Representative once they reviewed the dates of meetings to alert her or Tom Blomstrom.
- Arbor Day Celebration at Whitemarsh Elementary – Joanne Crawford will attend on Friday April 26th.

Whitemarsh Art Center Report:

- Emily Fox presented the report as submitted.
- Tom Manley asked what the RACP program was – Tom Blomstrom stated that it is a grant program operated through the Commonwealth of PA – Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.
- Tom Manley asked about the class size of 30 students and wanted clarification if that was the class size or how many were registered – Emily Fox clarified that it was a total number of all children's classes' students.
- Joanne Crawford asked about the concept of a "Painting with a Twist" class as well as about who the fire dancers were at their most recent program.
- Joanne Crawford asked about the next "Art Around the World" program on 4/26.
- Kevin Kissling asked if they have ever thought about offering photography classes. Emily Fox stated that the facility is only viable for certain types of programs and they have considered it, but not offering at present.

- Tom Blomstrom noted that part of what Executive Director Ronaldo Ribeiro is doing is assessing other buildings in the area for potential future partnerships and holding classes.
- Tom Manley motioned to approve the report, Kevin Kissling seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Report

- Tom Blomstrom presented the report as submitted.
- Tom Blomstrom circulated a couple of handouts including the maintenance report, the Whitemarsh Living, Enterprise news, and the MontCo Senior Games brochure.
- Cathy Peduzzi asked about the Township having plastic water bottles allowed at Township Day. Tom Blomstrom explained the “Rethink your Drink” initiative that the Township has started. Discussion surrounded the initiative with support.
- Megan O’Rourke asked about a better option for our raffle ticket system for people to fill out the tickets. It was explained that there will be baskets and less tickets to fill out this year.
- Tom Manley motioned to approve the Directors Report, and it was seconded by Megan O’Rourke and passed unanimously.

New Business

- Whitemarsh Living
- Wells Street Clean Up
- Mini Spring Fling
- Montco Senior Games
- Hope Lodge Event – June 1st.
- Joanne Crawford asked the PR Board to come out to some of these events and enjoy.
- Kevin Kissling asked about lights at Cold Point Park on the main sign at Cold Point. It was explained that there were no plans for lights in the future.
- Kevin asked about a \$40,000 grant from DVRPC for a Feasibility Study for the potential PECO Miracle-Nature Trail. It was explained that the grant is in process and has not been finalized.

Old Business

- No old business.

Public Comment Period

- No public comment.

Board Member Comment

- No Board Member comment.

Adjournment:

- Kevin Kissling made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Megan O’Rourke seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.