

Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from August 6, 2019

In Attendance: James Convey, Joanne Crawford, Kevin Kissling, Megan O'Rourke, Melissa Sterling (BOS Liaison), Ronaldo Ribeiro (WAC Executive Director), Tom Blomstrom (Parks and Recreation Director), Jackie Bender (Parks and Recreation Staff – Meeting Minutes).

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building at Koontz Park.

Joanne Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

- Kevin Kissling made a motion to accept the June 4th, 2019 minutes, Megan O'Rourke seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD LIAISON – COMMITTEE REPORTS

4th of July Committee:

- Joanne Crawford attended the June 12th committee meeting.
- Tom Blomstrom stated that the committee did a great job and thanked the Lions Club for their help and efforts; he added that the VFW was able to join the committee this year which was a great addition. He added that having the Whitemarsh Art Center hold a program in the park after the parade was a fun addition this year. Tom thanked the Whitemarsh Police Department, EMS, and Fire Departments for doing an amazing job helping with road closures and overall support.
- Joanne Crawford added her thanks to the Lions Club, specifically to Tony who served as emcee for the parade. She also stated that the parade went off without a hitch and was well organized.

WHITEMARSH ART CENTER

- Ronaldo presented the report as submitted.
- He stated that in his 10 months of serving as Executive Director he feels that they are in a good place moving forward. He noted that the WAC Board has grown from 6 members to 12 members with 2 new prospective members.
- Melissa Sterling invited the Art Center to attend a future Board of Supervisors meeting to showcase their classes and events if they would like to do so.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

- Tom Blomstrom presented the report as submitted.
- Ronaldo commended the Cedar Grove Camp staff for their great work this summer.

- Kevin Kissling asked about vandalism in the parks this year. Tom Blomstrom stated that the parks are looking great which is keeping vandalism lower. Tom commended the Miles Park staff in their new initiative this summer to have a voluntary trash pick-up challenge between the camp groups.
- Kevin Kissling asked if the full time staff and seasonal staff have active shooter training. Tom Blomstrom stated that the full time staff attended active shooter training in the spring and the seasonal camp staff had training during their camp staff training day in June. Both presentations were done by Lieutenant Novak and Sargent Mack of the Whitemarsh Police Department.
- Kevin Kissling asked about the PECO right away. Tom Blomstrom stated that the Township is still awaiting the grant agreement from DVRPC.
- Kevin Kissling asked about the Wells Street parking lot. Tom Blomstrom stated that it was in the budget but did not have a current timeline for completion as it is a very busy time for Public Works.
- Kevin Kissling stated he would like to see the Township get an additional Bocce Court installed at Leeland Park due to the popularity of the game.
- Megan O'Rourke asked if the cornhole tournament was happening in September. Tom Blomstrom stated that they are looking to attempt the event in 2020.
- Jim Convey made a motion to accept the report as submitted, Kevin Kissling seconded the motion, and the report was accepted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- No public comment.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- No Board Member comment.

ADJOURNMENT

- Megan O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Kissling seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.