



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from August 7, 2018

In attendance: Joanne Crawford, Emily Fox (WAC liaison), Tom Manley, Jim Convey, Megan O'Rourke, Kevin Kissling, Tom Blomstrom (Parks and Recreation Director), Mike Lannutti (Parks and Recreation Staff - Recording Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building at Koontz Park.

Joanne Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the April 3rd and June 5th Meeting Minutes motioned to approve by Joanne Crawford, Tom Manley seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Whitemarsh Art Center Report – Emily Fox

- Emily Fox presented the 2017 – 2018 Year in Review Document as submitted.
 - Corinne Dieterle resigned from her position at the Whitemarsh Art Center. The board thanks her for her time with the organization.
 - Katy Meashey in the interim director.
 - A Succession Committee is currently accepting applications and interviews will begin shortly.
 - Registrations for WAC programming will be starting later in August.
 - First Friday Art Programming is returning for 2018 thanks to a grant from TD Bank.
 - The WAC is looking for a legal partnership to assist with the building planning process, but there have been no major developments recently.
 - Partnering with the Parks & Recreation Department for special events was discussed.
 - Tom Blomstrom presented the idea of the WAC participating in the Spooktacular Family Night and to follow up with Mike Lannutti, Program Coordinator to discuss.
 - The Parks & Recreation Department is open to the idea of collaborative efforts during special events.

4th of July Parade Report

- Overall, the 4th of July Parade ran smoothly and was a wonderful community event that was enjoyed by all.
- The Board shared their appreciation towards the P&R Department staff, part-time staff, & volunteers that assisted with the parade.

- It was discussed that if anyone has recommendations, contacts, or suggestions for future parade participants to feel free to share them with the group.
 - Jim Convey suggested the idea of having a live band on a flatbed truck. It was seen at other events. Jim Convey has a connection to a band and will be passing information along.
 - Megan O'Rourke and Tom Manley mentioned Dave O'Neill, band director at the Middle School, and the idea of having that group out to participate.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report

- Tom Blomstrom presented the June/July Director's Report as submitted.
- Comments on Director's Report
 - Jim Convey inquired about the possibility of making changes to the amenities that are planned for the DCNR project at Miles Park.
 - Per Tom Blomstrom, the funds from the grant are all allocated at this time. Upgrades to amenities could still possibly be made, but would need to be brought in front of the board and funded in some way.
 - On Thursday, September 13th at 5:30pm, there will be a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the new gateway park at Cold Point.
 - Tom Manley asked about the Spring Mill Park meeting. Tom Blomstrom shared that he met with the county regarding the park and the future possibilities for this county park property. At this time, there is no imminent movement, but the Township is hoping to continue the dialog with the county officials.
 - Joanne Crawford motioned to accept the Director's Report, Tom Manley seconded.

New Business

- Tom Blomstrom discussed the idea of a Sports Gear Swap event, and the possibility of departmental interest or support.
 - A similar event run by the Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation Department was researched. Due to logistics and timing for the event, it was recommended that it does not become a Township event. However, if the Township leagues decided to take on this event as their own, the Parks & Recreation Department would assist in promoting the event.
 - Kevin Kissling motioned to not make the Sports Gear Swap a Township Event, but if the Township leagues independently decided to take on this type of event, the Parks & Recreation Department would assist in promoting the event. Tom Manley seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 - Troop 140 proposed to build lost and found box on the McCarthy Trail. The Township will not be in charge of maintaining the box.
 - Joanne Crawford motioned to support the lost and found box from Troop 140 and Kevin Kissling seconded. The motion to support was passed unanimously.

Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

Public Comment Period

- No members of the public in attendance.

Board Member Comments

- No additional comments were made.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 2th, 2018 at 7pm at Koontz Park – Parks and Recreation Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lannutti