

Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from October 15, 2019

In Attendance: James Convey, Joanne Crawford, Kevin Kissling, Emily Fox (WAC), Tom Blomstrom (Parks and Recreation Director), Jon Walker (Parks and Recreation Staff – Meeting Minutes). NO QUORUM PRESENT

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 THE AUGUST 6, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

- Tabled to December 3rd, 2019 – Due to not meeting Quorum.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD LIAISON – COMMITTEE REPORTS

4th of July Committee:

- Laid out dates for next year and discussed opportunities/challenges.
- Talked about rising costs of entertainment.
- Understood and voted that the Parks & Rec Board wants to get involved and be the MC for next year's event.

WHITEMARSH ART CENTER

- Emily Fox presented the written two executive director reports (August and September) as submitted.
- WAC Monthly board meeting was on 10-14-19.
- Two members will be contributing \$1,000 for a renaissance program.
- Republic Bank is thinking about sponsoring “Art Around the World for \$2,000”.
- 10/25 – Art Rround the World, WAC planning on announcing the annual campaign.
- The CPW Rotary has been meeting at the Art Center and forming a partnership with WAC.
- The WAC is experiencing an increase in income from previous years from programs and increased participation.
- Ronaldo has done a very good job separating work space and gallery space in the art center to create a new venue for visitors and participants.
- The WAC has an operating budget goal of cost savings of \$15,000 by the end of the year.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

- Tom Blomstrom presented the report as submitted.

- Copies of the Whitemarsh Parks and Recreation Fall “Recreator”, the Eat and Enjoy Luncheon mailing card, and Enterprise editions were circulated.
- Kevin Kissling asked about the rollover each year in budget if a surplus exists. It was explained that it’s a safety net to begin the year and in the event that we have to cancel a major event or economic disparity and a downturn in programs. It also demonstrates the quality fiscal discipline of the staff and Department.
- Kevin Kissling asked about capital requests for 2020 from Parks & Recreation, it was explained that they have been submitted and are being reviewed but nothing has been approved until the Budget passing in December of 2019.
- Joanne asked if we can move the Clean up to a different date, rather than having it the day after the Spooktacular Family Night. Tom B. explained that we have it scheduled that way so the clean-up group can help assist with the clean-up from the large event the evening before.
- Kevin asked if Whole Foods would be attending the clean-up. Kevin also stated that the CPW Rotatry said they would have some people there for the clean-up as well. Tom B. responded Whole Foods would be providing coffee and some breakfast treats in the morning.
- Jim Convey asked about how the tickets were estimated for trips and sales. Tom B. explained that they are on consignment and we adjust year to year based on the previous season and availability.
- Tom Blomstrom mentioned that the Township received the executed grant agreement from DVRPC for the study of the Miracle Nature Trail. The first step is an engineering topographical study (Cedarville Engineering) of the area and a trail layout given the terrain and PECO requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- No public comment.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- No Board Member comment.

ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Convey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Kissling seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.