

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from February 4, 2020

In attendance: James Convey, Joanne Crawford, Terry Ferris, Tom Manley, Megan O'Rourke, Chris Epstein (CSD), Laura Boyle Nester (BOS), Dan Zuena (WAC), Tom Blomstrom (P&R), Jackie Beebe (P&R – 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.

Reorganization

- Terry Ferris made a motion to nominate Joanne Crawford as Chair, Jim Convey seconded the motion. Joanne was elected unanimously.
- Terry Ferris made a motion to nominate Tom Manley as Vice-Chair, Jim Convey seconded the motion. Tom Manley was elected unanimously.
- A member list for 2020 was passed around; Tom Blomstrom stated that he would send out an updated member list to the board.
- The 2020 meeting dates and locations were given to the board.

Approval of the December 3rd, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- Tom Manley made a motion to approve the minutes, Terry Ferris seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Liaison Committee Reports

- Whitemarsh Athletic Association
 - Tom Blomstrom announced the upcoming meeting is set for Monday, March 23rd at the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School.
 - Tom Manley will continue as the liaison and he stated anyone who is involved with youth sports leadership should attend.
- 4th of July Parade
 - Terry Ferris, Joanne Crawford, and Megan O'Rourke will be coordinating who will attend the 3 planning meetings (April, May, June). They will determine when the schedule is presented to the board in April.

Whitemarsh Art Center

- Dan Zuena read the report as submitted. He highlighted that Hadley Yates, Interim Director, has been great so far with a seamless transition. She is currently working on an

arts program for those with Special Needs and Abilities. They are hoping to have a panel discussion in the spring.

Directors Report

- Tom Blomstrom gave an overview of the report as submitted.
- Chris Epstein stated that the holiday decorations at Miles Park are a nice display in Whitemarsh. A discussion ensued about where the decorations could move for next year after the Veteran's Monument is put in. It is yet to be determined.
- Tom Blomstrom asked the board if they knew anyone looking for a part-time or summer job to apply for the summer camp staff or park attendant positions.
- Tom Manley asked about the pathways being created at Miles Park. A discussion ensued about the locations and timeline. The Township is planning on completion in 2020.
- Jim Convey inquired about the Veteran's Monument and Laura Boyle Nester updated the Board saying that there would be a presentation at the upcoming BOS meeting on Feb. 6th from the committee that was working on that project.
- Tom Blomstrom gave an update regarding WGSJ requests for some improvements they would implement and cover the cost at Cedar Grove park ballfields. They included a temporary and portable outfield fence on the large field, improving the home plate area with turf at Little Field, overseeding Little Field, and looking into power by the large field backstop.
- A discussion about painting the Concession Stand at Miles Park red as planned and in budget occurred. Terry Ferris made a motion to support the painting plan, Tom Manley seconded the motion, the painting was plan was supported unanimously.
- A discussion ensued about the Miles Park sign and Tom Blomstrom stated that right now there is no firm plan of where the sign will be relocated but they will be looking into options in the future.
- Terry Ferris recommended having food trucks at movies and any events with alcohol.
- Terry Ferris made a motion to accept the Director's Report; Megan O'Rourke seconded; the report was accepted unanimously.

Public Comment Period

- There were no members of the public in attendance.

Board Member Comment Period

- Joanne Crawford passed around a thank you card for local residents who pick up trash through the park area at Cedar Grove.

Adjournment

- Terry Ferris made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Megan O'Rourke seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 8:01PM.