

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
MILES PARK - PARKS AND RECREATION BUILDING  
TUESDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joanne Crawford, Kevin Kissling, Tom Manley, Jim Convey, Allison Boyle, Laura Boyle Nester, Township staff, Tom Blomstrom, and Nick Delaney

**LIAISONS PRESENT:**

Laura Boyle Nester (BOS), Allison Boyle (WAC), Kevin Kissling (WSSC), Tom Manley (OSC)

**TWP. STAFF PRESENT:**

Tom Blomstrom (*P&R Director*), Nick Delaney (*P&R – Minutes*)

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

- i. The Whitemarsh Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 7:01 pm, by Kevin Kissling.

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3) APPROVAL OF THE June 7th, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

- i. The June 7th minutes were motioned for acceptance by Tom Manley and was seconded by Joanne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

**4) PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD LIAISON – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Open Space/PR/EAB Committee - Mutual Interest Communication Sub-Committee (Manley)
- ii. Tom Manley spoke about the Open Space Committee and stated that the next meeting would be the week of August 8<sup>th</sup> and they plan on going over the recreation plan, the open space plan, and the green wake plan. Open Space Committee has reached out to real estate brokers, this process can take several months to complete Tom Manley stated.
- iii. Tom Blomstrom states that there will be several plans being updated, open space plan, Park and Recreation board plan, pedestrian/bike trail plan, green wake plan all to be updated within in the next year to combine into one plan.
- iv. Joanne Crawford Motions and Jim Convey seconds, the rest are all in favor.
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee – (Hector)
- v. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee was Megan Hector who was not in attendance. Tom Blomstrom stated that he would speak on behalf of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee in his report.

**5) WHITEMARSH ART CENTER REPORT**

- i. Allison Boyle was in attendance to represent the Whitemarsh Art Center, she started off with saying it has been a very busy summer and a lot of work has been done reconnecting with old friends of the WAC and welcoming new friends to the WAC. WAC is working on setting up a scholarship foundation. WAC is providing educational opportunities (STEM) for children who are in financial need. RACP will supply the grant. WAC actively seeking volunteers to help at the Whitemarsh Art Center. The WAC had its annual board meeting in June and Amy was excepted onto the board. Paper clay weekend

is starting Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> at the WAC. Tom Blomstrom asked Allison Boyle for the flyer so that Parks and Recreation can promote it for the WAC.

- ii. Joanne Crawford motions and Tom Manley seconds, the rest are all in favor.

## **6) PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- i. Tom Blomstrom opens, with summer/fall discount ticket sales are under way, many opportunities to purchase tickets at a discount.
- ii. Tom Blomstrom was happy to announce the Parks and Recreation department was featured in PA state association article.
- iii. Tom Blomstrom procedures to discuss summer camps and programs, it includes a lot of planning and training. Summer camp requires a lot of interviews, backboard water training, CPR training, Orientation for each camp, first aid training, Bully prevention, Child sexual abuse, Working outdoors in warm weather, Harassment prevention, Supervisor managerial training.
- iv. Parental handbooks are carefully constructed by our staff for all our campers' parents to be informed of what is happening at camp each week.
- v. Summer camp trips are back this year. Planning and booking trips take a lot of time to get all the logistics and details correct with each camp.
- vi. Special thanks to Jon, Emily, and Rob for all their efforts with summer camp and all they do to make the camps a huge success.
- vii. Miles Park camp had anywhere from 130-150 campers per week and Cedar grove camp was full every week with 50 kids every week.
- viii. CEP program was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the library, snapology was in attendance supplying our friends with Legos to build with and create an Angry Birds Lego replica.
- ix. CEP program was again hosted on July 15<sup>th</sup> and it was held at the library. We did a BBQ themed event grilling Burgers and Hotdogs. We also had plenty of snacks and ended the night with ice cream for our friends.
- x. Yoga for runners is a new program and was a successful first-time program.
- xi. Parents Night Out was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> each week had around 15 participants.
- xii. A new program we are offering in August is girls Empowerment program this mission is to build a healthy relationship with your body and avoid burnout for young women.
- xiii. Another new program the Parks and Recreation team is offering this summer is creative constructors camp we have 10 participants signed up.
- xiv. Cupcake decorating class went well and a floral cake decorating class is coming up.
- xv. Payment plan program is a great feature for our residents of Whitemarsh.
- xvi. I9 flag football camp had 18 campers and track and field had 25 participant which is a tremendous number for a specialty camp.
- xvii. Moore brothers' basketball camp was very steady with 50 kids in all 3 sessions the camp ran.
- xviii. Radio City music hall scheduled for Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> bus leaves early in the morning and we have 52 Tickets available for the show.
- xix. 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a great turnout for not having it for two years. We had 39 bikes and trikes, we had 9 fire trucks/EMS companies, 8 entertainers and had a grand total of 96 participants. We handed out over 2,000 small American flags during the parade. Tom Manley was our wonderful MC did an amazing job with the event.
- xx. Whitemarsh Township had a juggler at the event which helped make the event special and supplied wonderful entertainment.
- xxi. Lions club did a terrific job holding their annual picnic with hotdogs and water for all the people who were at the parade.
- xxii. Food trucks that were at the event included Kona Ice and Streetside BBQ.

- xxiii. Police had their youth academy come out and march in the parade which was amazing to see.
- xxiv. Joanne Crawford did a great job judging the event and awarding prizes to our participants who showed their 4<sup>th</sup> of July spirit.
- xxv. 4<sup>th</sup> Of July wrap up meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup> at Koontz Park.
- xxvi. Movies in the Park had over 150 people in attendance at Cedar Grove Park for Sing 2 on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- xxvii. Movies in the Park at Miles Park had 25-30 people for Field of Dreams on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- xxviii. Touch a Truck is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- xxix. Shredding day is Scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- xxx. Tom Blomstrom states that he has a meeting with DCNR for Miles Park phase 2 grant to discuss updated budget.
- xxxi. Special thanks to Franco for painting shutters and doors and Koontz Park and Miles Park building.
- xxxii. We received two new laptops for our Parks and Recreation staff.
- xxxiii. Militia hill provided fire alarm testing at Miles Park and Cedar Grove locations.
- xxxiv. Planning for the next fall recreator will be coming out 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August.
- xxxv. Tom Blomstrom asked if there was any Questions?
- xxxvi. Tom Manley asked what is going on with the Electronic Sign on Germantown?
- xxxvii. Tom Blomstrom replied with: The Electronic Sign is a Go and we have worked out and agreement with Green Valley Country Club and will be working with Treasure Sign in building the new Electronic Sign.
- xxxviii. Joanne Crawford Motions and Jim Covey Seconds, the rest all in favor.

#### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Announcement and Review of “2022 Summer Movies in the Parks”
- (b) Announcement of 2022 Summer and Fall Discount Ticket Program
- (c) Announcement of the *Pennsylvania Township News* magazine – July 2022 Issue - from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)
  - (i) Cover Article - “Outdoor Recreation – Nature Calls” – Whitmarsh Township is highlighted
- (d) Announcement of Touch-A-Truck – Miles Park Lower Lot – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 11am-2pm
- (e) Announcement of Fall Shredding Day on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Miles Park Lower Parking Lot

#### **B. OLD BUSINESS**

Update on the Electronic Sign

- vi. the Electronic Sign is a Go and we have worked out and agreement with Green Valley Country Club and will be working with treasure Sign in building the new sign.
- Open Space Committee
- vii. Meeting the week of August 8<sup>th</sup> to go over the Recreation plan.
  - viii. Kevin Kissling Motions and Jim Convey seconds, the rest all in favor

#### **7) PUBLIC MEMBER COMMENTS**

- i. No public comment

**8) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- i. No board member comments

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

- i. Joanne Crawford motions to adjourn the meeting and Jim Convey seconds, rest all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:41PM.
- ii. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7PM. Format To Be Determined.