



Susquehanna Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –March 14, 2018

Call to Order

Chair Tony Wright called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Roll call was read.

Roll Call

Committee Members	Ward	Attend.	Township Personnel Present	Attend.
Christine Broadfield	1	Present	Commissioner Jody Rebarchak	Excused
James Wiley, Vice-Chair	2	Present	Commissioner Mona Johnson	Excused
Arlene Prentice	3	Present	Director Robert Reichard	Present
Daneisha Dunbar-Yancey	3	Excused		
Christopher Krawczuk	4	Excused	Additional Attendees	
Vacant	5		None	
Amy Sturges	6	Present		
Barry Buskey	7	Excused		
Tony Wright, Chair	8	Present		
Craig Johnson	9	Present		
Wanda Pierce	9	Excused		
Sandy Nevius	At Large	Present		

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from January was made by **Chris Krawczuk** and seconded by **Christine Broadfield**. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Interest – Public Comment

STHS Alumni Association

Dwayne DeFoor of the Alumni Association detailed current plans for the renovation of the field house at the High School Stadium. Support has come from Dauphin County, the PIAA and additional groups. More information can be found on the Alumni Association website at www.sthsaalumniassociation.com, a link to which can be found on the Township website.

Commissioners Reports

No Report

Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee – members are asked to meet with Barry Buskey to set up another meeting
Recreation Land/Parks Committee – Amy Sturges said their committee met to discuss aspects of the Recreation Plan.

Special Events Committee – Christine Broadfield reviewed the prospect of hosting a booth at the Thomas Holtzman May Fair (Saturday May 5th) and asked for volunteers for particular times. Christine asked if there will be a “Bike Fair” again this year. Director Reichard said he will check with the Police Department.

Recreation Director’s Report

Veterans Memorial Park Project

Director Reichard reported that the project is moving along, subject to weather conditions. Some “work” parts of the project are underway. Completion of the project is estimated for the middle of June. The idea of doing a “grand opening” celebration was discussed.

Boyd Park Project, Waverly Woods Development

Grant funds were received. Prior to work, HRG is assisting the Township with project restrictions. **Director Reichard** is gathering designs and will be looking for approval of a sign for the Boyd Park Project.

Edgemont Park Basketball Court Renovations

The Chris Franklin Foundation is working on a project to renovate/update the current Edgemont Community Park basketball court. The project is slated to begin on or after June 2018. The Township Public Works Department will provide assistance if and when practical/permissible. Chris Krawczuk made a motion to support the project. Arlene Prentice seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Susquehanna Township Athletic Association (STAA)

Chair Tony Wright reviewed the purpose of the STAA. Items of interest were the development of a 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization, participation by current township sport associations, and asking each association what they are interested in seeing as the role of STAA. Tony reviewed the proposed mission statement and by-laws

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2018.

New Business

501(c)3 NonProfit Organization Discussion – “Friends of Susquehanna Township Parks”

Director Reichard has had numerous conversations with regard to land acquisition and development. He has also spoken to Township businesses. There was a lengthy discussion on the advantages of setting up such a nonprofit entity. The Committee may be asked for a motion to support a draft document regarding this subject at a later date.

Member Concerns/Announcements

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Arlene Prentice** and seconded by **Christine Broadfield**. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2018 at 6 pm.