

**Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**6:00pm**

**Zoom**

**Committee Members in Attendance: (Quorum)**

Richard Norford – Ward 1

 Jim Wiley – Ward 2

Alex Greenly – Ward 4

Greg Peters – Ward 5

 Amy Sturges – Ward 6

 Pedro Mora – Ward 7

 Mark Jacobs – Ward 8

 Amy Putnam – Ward 9

**Township Staff in Attendance:**

Director of Parks and Recreations, Doug Knauss

 Commissioner, Jody Rebarchak

**AGENDA ITEM #1** **CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order by Amy Sturges at 6:02 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

1. A motion to approve the April 14th meeting minutes was offered by Jim Wiley. This was seconded by Mark Jacobs, and agreed upon by the RAC.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

1. Nothing was offered by Commissioner Jody Rebarchak at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

1. Nothing was offered by the RAC at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 GENERAL UPDATE**

1. COVID-19 Update
2. New CDC Guidelines regarding playground/camp programs
* Children can now be 3 feet apart with masks, instead of 6 feet.
* Children ages 12-15 can now be vaccinated. This will not be a requirement to participate in township programs.
* A thorough sanitizing of all equipment and products will take place.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 OLD BUSINESS**

1. Capital Projects
2. Boyd Phase 2
* Phase 2 funding is now in place, and HRG will be giving a revamped proposal.
1. McNaughton/Baseball Fields
* Jim Wiley provided an update on the status of safety nets potentially being installed for the baseball fields.
* A recommendation was made by the RAC to present McNaughton’s proposal for a new Little Tikes playground to the Board.
1. Union Deposit Road Property
* Doug Knauss will be doing a walkthrough of the property to get up to speed with the potential for any plans there.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS**

1. Park/Playground Safety Concerns
2. Doug Knauss has presented a plan to the Board to replenish the safety surfaces at all township playgrounds. This will be reviewed by the Board May 13.
3. Program Update
	1. Currently the Department is waiting on new mitigation guidelines and the hope would be to offer programming the fall of 2021 with the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
4. Summer Program Update
5. Staffing
* We currently have a spring coordinator, and we also have a summer coordinator lined up.
* We are currently looking to hire more staff for the summer.
1. Program
* Preregistration will be required to join the Summer Playground program.
1. Lunch Program
* The Summer Lunch Program is set-up and will be offered at the three Summer Playground Sites.
1. Conceptual Park Planning for Continental and Newton Drive
2. A recommendation was made by the RAC for HRG to develop conceptual drawings consisting of existing features and conceptual plan for a multiuse field and off street parking.
3. Registration Software Research
4. Doug Knauss is currently researching 3 programs that can offer online tools for:
* Registration
* Payment
* Marketing
* Township Updates/Information
1. Tour de Belt
2. 20-mile bike ride to raise funds for the Capital Area Greenbelt Association
* The event is on Sunday, June 6th, 2021.
* We are currently looking for sponsors/volunteers/participants for the event.
1. Recreation Fund Report
2. Doug Knauss shared with the RAC the current balance sheet and year to date activity.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Wiley at 7:51 pm. This was seconded and agreed upon by the RAC, and the meeting was adjourned by Amy Sturges at 7:52 pm.