

**Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

**6:00pm**

**In-Person Pincus Room**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Richard Norford – Ward 1

Alex Greenly – Ward 4

Pedro Mora – Ward 7

**Township Staff in Attendance:**

Director of Parks and Recreations, Doug Knauss

**AGENDA ITEM #1** **CALL TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order by Richard Norford at 6:02 pm.
2. The September meeting minutes were approved.
3. The October meeting minutes were approved.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

1. There were no commissioners in attendance to provide any comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #4 GENERAL UPDATE**

1. Old Business

* Registration Software

1. Training/implementation is still moving forward.
2. We have secured a credit card processing company to handle online autopayments.

* Boyd Park Phase 2

1. We have one of our permits from DEP for the fishing dock in the pond.
2. We are working to secure funding for a restroom addition.

* Fall Programming

1. All programs have now concluded.
2. We have scheduled another Walk with a Doc event on 11/20 at Fort Hunter.
3. We are potentially scheduling additional Walk with a Doc events in January and February at the Harrisburg or Capital City Mall, with the goal of holding one event monthly.
4. We added a 2nd session of mat pilates at Linglestown Life Church (every Wednesday in December).

**AGENDA ITEM #5 NEW BUSINESS**

1. Spring Programming

* We will be sending out 3 newsletters per year rather than 2.
* May’s newsletter will be split with the school district.
* We plan on starting most spring programs in March.
* We plan on using Lowee’s Group for bus trips.
* We plan on offering the following programs:
  1. Yoga
  2. Pilates
  3. Tabata
  4. Challenge Island STEAM
  5. Walk with a Doc
  6. Kid-Fit
  7. Medicare Option
  8. Esports
  9. Tennis
  10. Parent-Child
  11. Smart Cycling
  12. Cooking

1. Edgemont Park Renaming

* Doug has recommended renaming the park to Chris “Handles” Franklin Community Park at Edgemont.
* The RAC approved the motion to bring this name change in front of the Board.

1. Fitness Court

* We are attempting to receive a $30,000 grant for the equipment.
* We will need to obtain sponsors to raise the remaining $125,000 for the equipment.
* The equipment consists of a 38’ by 38’ space with 7 different workout stations.
* We are holding off on a recommendation until we receive approval for the non-binding grant.
* This court will most likely be installed at Veterans Park.

1. 2022 Facility Form

* Doug has proposed adding an additional $20 charge this year for kitchen rental at Veterans Park.

1. HOA Plantings along Boyd Park

* There are concerns of people walking along private property to enter the park.
* The HOA wants to plant bushes to discourage the foot traffic.
* The backup plan is to install a privacy fence if the bushes do not solve the issue.
* Any costs will be paid for by the HOA.

1. Partnership with ST Alumni Association for Rec Program Scholarship

* This scholarship is intended for families who do not have the means to pay full price for programs within the township.
* A form will be required to explain the reason why the person cannot pay full price.
* The form does not need to be a full financial disclosure, but merely a request and reason for request.
* We ask that families pay something towards the program (unless this is not possible) and/or offer community service to the township in return.

1. December Meeting

* The December meeting has been cancelled, and we will pick back up with our normal January meeting.
* Doug will update the RAC via email with any important township updates in December.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 RECREATION FUND REPORT**

1. No change in the report since our October meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 ADJOURNMENT**

1. Richard Norford adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.