



# **Susquehanna**

**TOWNSHIP**

1900 LINGLESTOWN ROAD | HARRISBURG PA 17110

**Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**6:00pm**

**In-Person Pincus Room**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Richard Norford – Ward 1

Amy Sturges – Ward 6

Mark Jacobs – Ward 8

**Township Staff in Attendance:**

Director of Parks and Recreations, Doug Knauss

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

- A. The meeting was called to order by Amy Sturges, with a moment of silence for Jim Wiley.
- B. The approval of the September meeting minutes was tabled, as there was no quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM #2      COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- A. There were no commissioners in attendance to provide any comments.

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

- A. Nothing was offered by the RAC at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #4      GENERAL UPDATE**

- A. Old Business
  - Registration Software
    - a. Training and building of the website kicked off on 10/13.
    - b. Doug is pleased with the progress of the software so far.
  - Union Deposit Road Tract
    - a. HRG is still working on plans.
    - b. No other updates at this time.

- Boyd Park Ribbon Cutting Phase 1
  - a. The ceremony took place on 9/21.
  - b. A large plaque was unveiled to honor Alex Boyd.
- Boyd Park Phase 2
  - a. The majority of funding has been secured.
  - b. We are still waiting on all permits to start this phase.
  - c. A possible additional \$200k of funding is being secured for restrooms.
- Fall Programming
  - a. 8 programs were offered.
  - b. 3 programs were run:
    1. Pilates program (9 participants)
    2. Medicare Option class (19 participants)
    3. Walk with a Doc program (9 participants)

## **AGENDA ITEM #5      NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Newsletter Proposal**

- Most recent newsletter was mailed on 10/8.
- We are proposing a new vendor, Graphtech, to create the newsletter.
- Doug has suggested upping the frequency of the newsletter from twice a year to three times a year.

### **B. Edgemont Park Renaming**

- It has been proposed that the park be renamed Chris “Handles” Franklin Edgemont Community Park.
- Doug suggested rewording this to Chris “Handles” Franklin Park at Edgemont.
- This will be revisited during the November meeting, if we have a quorum to make a recommendation.

### **C. Park Signage**

- We are working on unified signage for all parks and facilities in the township.
- The RAC expressed the most interest in the sign with the red background and blue sky (Option A).
- We will also need to design where to have pillar signs and where to have monument signs.

### **D. Upcoming Events (3)**

- 10/23 – Shredding event paid for by Penn Waste.
- 11/13 – Meet Up Pick Up event for trash clean up and invasive management

at Boyd Park.

- 11/20 – Walk with a Doc event on the Fort Hunter trail extension.

E. National Fitness Campaign

- The goal is to bring exercise back to the parks.
- There is a potential grant that would go towards fitness stations at the trails.
- These stations would be 38'x38' pads that fitness equipment would be installed on.
- The stations would also include a scannable QR code that offers fitness instruction videos on a free smartphone app.

F. December Meeting

- Doug has requested that we reschedule or postpone this meeting.
- We will discuss this further during the November meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #6**      **RECREATION FUND REPORT**

- A. No change in the report since our September meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**      **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Amy Sturges adjourned the meeting.