



**Susquehanna Township**  
**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2017**

**Call to Order**

**Chair Tony Wright** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was read.

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**Roll Call**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Attend.</b>	<b>Township Personnel Present</b>	<b>Attend.</b>
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	Present	<b>Additional Attendees</b>	
Vacant	5	n/a		
Amy Sturges	6	Present		
Barry Buskey	7	Present		
Tony Wright, Chair	8	Present		
Craig Johnson	9	Absent		
Wanda Pierce	9	Absent		
Sandy Nevius	At Large	Present		

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**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Special Interest – Public Comment**

None.

**Reports of Committees**

None.

**Commissioners Reports**

**A. Commissioner Mona Johnson**

None.

**B. Commissioner Jody Rebarchak**

None.

## **Recreation Director's Report**

### *2018 Parks and Recreation Budget*

**Director Robert Reichard** distributed a copy of the proposed 2018 budget. Some changes for 2018 include:

- The Township Newsletter will be printed by a private vendor who will solicit ads to pay for design and printing in 2018. Township will be responsible for mailing costs.
- Pond Maintenance at Waverly Woods will continue to be administered by a certified contractor in 2018.
- For clarity, the 2017 Park Maintenance line item will be split into Pond Maintenance, Park Athletic Fields & Playgrounds, Park Restrooms Supplies and Park Maintenance Equipment & Repairs for 2018.
- There is a requested increase in the expenditure line item for Equipment because those assets are aging.
- The Recreation Department will be leasing vehicles beginning in 2017.

### **Old Business/Unfinished Business:**

#### *Park Project Funding*

**Director Reichard** has been discussing this issue with **Secretary-Manager David Kratzer**. With less and less building development in the Township, new sources of revenue must be found to support new recreation development. There was discussion of some options, including a renewed discussion of whether or not revenue from a parking tax would go to the Parks and Recreation Department.

### **New Business:**

#### *Committee Assignment*

**Chair Tony Wright** distributed a paper listing three committees that are considered to be priorities to make the Recreation Advisory Committee more active. The hope is that these assignments will allow members talents to be used to their capacity. Individual committee master plans can be developed using information from the Township records.

Committee members present made their choices of available committees:

Christine Broadfield  
James Wiley, Vice-Chair  
Arlene Prentice  
Christopher Krawczuk  
Amy Sturges  
Barry Buskey  
Tony Wright, Chair  
Sandy Nevius

**By November, all Committee members are asked to decide on which committee they wish to serve.** Ideally, there would be 3 members per committee. Those committees not filled could be filled by the RAC Chairman at the November meeting.

**A. By-Laws/Nominations** None.

**B. Recreation Land/Park**

*Veterans Memorial Park Vietnam Memorial*

The Alumni Association is holding a ceremony to dedicate the Vietnam Memorial on November 4, 2017 at Veterans Memorial Park. The Ceremony will begin at 1:00pm.

**C. Special Events** None.

**D. School Board Liaison** None.

**Recreation Advisory Committee Member Concerns/Announcements**

*Scouting Projects in Parks*

**Sandy Nevius** asked for input regarding Scouting projects at sites such as Waverly Woods, Andrea Avenue Trail Spur, Veterans Park Kiosks, and possible Margaret's Grove. Project suggestions included solar recharging stations and a way to connect Edgemont and Veterans Park, possibly for implementation in fall of 2018.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Sandy Nevius** and seconded by **Chris Krawczuk**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm.*