



Susquehanna Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –May 9, 2018

Call to Order

Chair Tony Wright called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Roll call was read.

Roll Call

Committee Members	Ward	Attend.	Township Personnel Present	Attend.
Christine Broadfield	1	Excused	Commissioner Jody Rebarchak	Excused
James Wiley, Vice-Chair	2	Excused	Commissioner Mona Johnson	Excused
Arlene Prentice	3	Present	Director Robert Reichard	Present
Daneisha Dunbar-Yancey	3	n/a		
Christopher Krawczuk	4	Present	Additional Attendees	
Gregory Peters	5	Present		
Amy Sturges	6	Absent		
Barry Buskey	7	Present		
Tony Wright, Chair	8	Present		
Craig Johnson	9	Present		
Vacant	At Large	n/a		

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from April was made by **Craig Johnson** and seconded by **Barry Buskey**. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Interest – Public Comment

None

Commissioners Reports

No Report

Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee – A motion to keep the By-Laws the same as 2017 was made by **Barry Buskey** and seconded by **Jim Wiley**. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recreation Land/Parks Committee – Craig Johnson reported the sub-committee met several weeks prior to the RAC meeting. The emphasis of the RL/P Committee meeting was deciding what areas need to be highest priority. The committee discussed picking time (perhaps on a weekend) to visit the parks.

Special Events Committee –Chris Krawczuk reported a successful turnout for the May Fair on May 5, 2018, both in Recreation Advisory Committee participation and by the interest in those attending the event.

Recreation Director’s Report

Veterans Memorial Park Project

Director Reichard reported that the project is about three weeks behind due to poor weather. Capital Region Water has issues with the water lines, which is causing delays as well. Playground equipment construction is now underway.

Harrisburg Islanders Professional Soccer Team

Keith Brown, the President of the Susquehanna Township Soccer Club, has had inquiries from the new owners of the Harrisburg Islanders professional soccer team regarding use of the township soccer complex for practices. The Islanders owners would be willing to discuss the feasibility of enhancing the field area. Future talks will be scheduled with the owners.

Capital Area Greenbelt Affected by Sewer Project

Director Reichard attended a meeting with the Greenbelt representatives and the Sewer Authority Project contractor to verify that the contractor has the obligation to return the area affected by the project to its pre-project condition. Loss of aged trees is an ongoing issue.

Old Business

NRPA Park Metrics Agency Performance Review

A copy of the National Recreation and Parks Association’s Park Metrics Agency Performance Review was provided to the committee members for review and discussion.

Boyd Park Project

Director Reichard distributed a written document and a drawing of what HRG is proposing for Boyd Park (Waverly Woods) Project. The proposal is being presented to the Township Commissioners on May 10, 2018. **Director Reichard** anticipates a positive response.

New Business

Susquehanna Township Comprehensive Plan Fort Hunter Event

The Susquehanna Township “Dollars” Event at Fort Hunter is a family-friendly event planned to provide a summary of the focus group, community workshop, and survey responses that have been collected in 2018. Attendees will be able to participate in a voting exercise with “Susquehanna Township Dollars.”

Director Reichard encouraged Recreation Advisory Committee members to attend. Discussion was had about holding the June RAC meeting at Fort Hunter or nearby and attending the event as a group.

Member Concerns/Announcements

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Arlene Prentice** and seconded by **Chris Krawczuk**. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2018 at 6 pm.