

**Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

**6:00pm**

**In-Person Pincus Room**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Richard Norford – Ward 1

 Jim Wiley – Ward 2

Alex Greenly – Ward 4

 Amy Sturges – Ward 6

 Amy Putnam – Ward 9

 Dave Schadle & Justin Raub, STBA Representatives

**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 Amy Sturges.
2. The July 14th meeting minutes were discussed. A motion to approve was offered, which was seconded.

**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. STBA Field Repairs
* Dave Schadle discussed a few safety upgrade needs for the baseball fields at the 3 parks.
* He requested approval for the installation of a safety net at McNaughton.
* He also requested approval to provide quotes for other future projects.
* A motion was made to approve both of these requests, which was seconded.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 OLD BUSINESS**

1. Summer Program Update
* The summer program ended on 8/6.
* Numbers declined throughout the summer, but it was still a positive that the program was offered.
1. Registration Software
* We are authorized to move forward with CivicRec.
* Implementation is currently in progress.
* This will take roughly 20 weeks to go live.
1. Goal Setting
* Doug outlined his top 11 goals as follows:
1. Replace all trash receptacles
2. Picnic table and bench replacement
3. Replace all playgrounds
4. Address issues in comprehensive plan appendix
5. Post contact information at parks
6. Provide adequate lighting at all parks
7. Provide special needs programming
8. Provide festivals and events
9. Provide movie nights at the parks
10. Create a diversity of programming
11. Increase overall communication
12. Pickle Ball Update
* The lining of the courts has been completed.
* There are storage bins located on the courts for the nets.
1. National Night Out Recap
* There were roughly 200 people in attendance.
* There was 1 food truck.
* 20% of the food truck proceeds was donated, and the funds will be given to the police department K-9 unit.
1. Union Deposit Road Update
* The project is currently in a conceptual planning phase.
* The site has potential for a trail related conceptual plan, with the possibility for an urban park setting.
1. Boyd Ribbon Cutting Phase 1
* The ceremony is scheduled for 9/21 at 11 am.
* The purpose of this ceremony is to show current progress, and also provide the possibility for additional funding.
1. Boyd Phase 2
* The estimated cost of this phase is roughly $400,000.
* This phase will include connecting the loop with the boardwalk and trails.
* There will also be the addition of a fishing pier.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fall Programming
* Pilates started on 9/8, with 9 participants.
* Registration is currently open for the following additional programs:
1. Yoga
2. Medicare option class
3. Golf program
4. Creative writing
5. Ride and run club
6. Kid fit program
* Marketing consists of the following:
1. Program brochures were sent in the mail.
* Social media posts have been made on Facebook and Instagram.
1. New Parks and Recreation Logo
* A new logo has been chosen and is being used going forward.
1. Wedgewood Property Discussion
* The property consists of the old pool and 14 additional acres of land.
* There could be potential for connection to the Greenbelt and Edgemont Park.
* There could also be potential for new athletic fields.
1. Margaret’s Grove Concept Plan Discussion
* The location is the west side of Boyd Park.
* The goal of the location is to provide a multipurpose athletic field.
* There are discussions of a parking lot, but also on street parking as well.
* Fencing will most likely be needed between parking and the field.
* A decision needs to be made on whether this is a good location for the athletic field or not.
1. Budgeting
* Doug has developed a 2022 budget for the day camp program and the playground program.
* These budgets will be shared with the RAC once completed.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 RECREATION FUND REPORT**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

1. Amy Sturges adjourned the meeting.