



Susquehanna Township
Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2018

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Committee Members	Ward	Attend.	Township Personnel Present	Attend.
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	Excused	Additional Attendees	
Vacant	5		None	
Amy Sturges	6	Present		
Barry Buskey	7	Excused		
Tony Wright, Chair	8	Present		
Craig Johnson	9	Present		
Wanda Pierce	9	Excused		
Sandy Nevius	At Large	Present		

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from December was made by **Christine Broadfield** and seconded by **Amy Sturges**. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Interest – Public Comment

Baseball Registration

A flyer announcing Registration for the Susquehanna Township Baseball Association was distributed and discussed.

Commissioners Reports

No Report

Committee Reports

At the direction of Chair Tony Wright, dates and times were selected for individual committee meetings for further discussion prior to the next meeting. The meeting dates are as follows:

By-Law Subcommittee: Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Township Building

Recreation Land/Parks Subcommittee: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Township Building.

Recreation Director's Report

Veterans Memorial Park Project

Director Reichard reported that the Township signed off on permission to proceed with the Veterans Park Project. The Commissioners accepted the entire project bid package. Funding has been approved and contracts have been signed. Thanks to a grant in the amount of \$175,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Township has contracted for construction of two playgrounds at Veterans Memorial Park. These playgrounds will be designated for children 2 to 5 years of age and for children 5 to 12 years of age of all abilities. Funding for the grant comes from the Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund (Key 93), the Environmental Stewardship Fund (Growing Greener 1), and federal funding sources. Matching funds will come from the Recreation Developers Fund.

The project is scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project should be up and running in the next week or two. The deadline for completion is May 12, 2018.

Waverly Woods Project

A grant from the Alex Boyd and Jane Starke Boyd Charitable Foundation was received by the Township in the amount of \$200,000. These funds are for development of phase one of a project to make improvements at the park site in the Waverly Woods Development. As part of the grant agreement the Township will name park the site "Boyd Park". Director Reichard reviewed the plan drawing of work to be completed in this phase of the project.

Summer Recreation Applications

The Parks and Recreation Department is now hiring for their summer programs. Applications are being accepted now and can be obtained at the Department office or on the website. They are also available at the High School Guidance Office. The deadline for summer employment applications is March 16, 2018.

Winter/Spring Recreation

The Department will be offering programs for children, adults, and seniors this winter and spring. The currently scheduled programs are listed on the Recreation page on the Township website. Also, Director Reichard reminded the Committee that discounted ski lift and movie tickets are available through the Parks and Recreation Office. The Recreation page has a complete list of locations and pricing.

Resignation Announcement

Director Reichard announced that he received a letter of resignation from Sandy Nevius at the January Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting. Sandy, currently the At-Large Representative, has been with the Committee since 2014 and is a strong advocate of parks and recreation particularly in the field of conservation. She will be greatly missed on the Committee and also in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Old Business

Park Project Funding – Talking Points

RAC Members discussed changes in wording of the Draft Talking Points.

Edgemont Park Connector Trail

No updates

New Business

The Special Events subcommittee suggested the possibility of a public event for all the Township sports clubs and associations.

Member Concerns/Announcements

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Sandy Nevius** and seconded by **Christine Broadfield**. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The next RAC Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018 at 6 pm.