

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ON
FEBRUARY 24, 2016.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Greg Williams called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Christine Keller, Karen Merritt, Nancy Nolte, Christy Tuper, Greg Williams,
Alternates- Cara Konzel, Jim Konzel
Absent: Lorraine Card, Warren Wisse.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Greg Willaims stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public laws of 1975 Chapter 231. It has been properly advertised and certified."

NEW BUSINESS

Christy Tuper made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

High Point Soccer Club

Woodbourne Park field # 3, 5, 6

April 1, - June 30

Field # 3 Monday – Saturday for games, Sunday for travel games.

Field # 5&6 Monday –Tuesday & Thursday - Friday 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday until 1:00 p.m.

Field # 5 Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Excluding June 18th all day for Wantage Day.

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Christine Keller made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

High Point Lacrosse

Woodbourne Park field # 6

April 1, - June 15

Field # 6 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – Dusk.

Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Excluding June 18th all day for Wantage Day.

High Point Lacrosse

Lawrence School field – practice field

April 1 – June 15

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Christy Tuper made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Sussex Wantage Softball

Woodbourne Park field # 1, 2

April 1, - July 1

Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – Dusk.

Saturday – Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Excluding June 18th all day for Wantage Day.

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Jennifer Theobald from the Sussex / Wantage girls softball league mentioned that the sponsor signs that will be on the outfield fence of field 1 and 2 at Woodbourne Park will be larger this year from a 2 x 2 to a 2 x 4 size.

Christine Keller made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Opening Day -Sussex \ Wantage Softball and Baseball

Woodbourne Park

Saturday April 16 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lott Road

Sunday (rain date) April 17 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Christine Keller made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Sussex Wantage Little League Baseball

Lott Road fields #1, 2, 3 & 4 t-ball

April 1, – August 31

Monday – Friday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Sussex Wantage Little League Baseball

Woodbourne Park field #4

April 1, – August 31

Monday- Friday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Field usage will be worked out with Travel Baseball.)

Excluding June 18th all day for Wantage Day.

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Christine Keller made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

High Point Travel Baseball

Woodbourne Park field #4

April 1, – August 31

Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(Field usage will be worked out with Little League Baseball.)

Excluding June 18th all day for Wantage Day.

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Nancy Nolte made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

High Point Travel Baseball

Lott Road field #1

April 1, – August 31

Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(Field usage will be worked out with Little League Baseball.)

Karen Merritt seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Karen Merritt made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Sussex County YMCA

Woodbourne Park field #7

April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22

June 5, 12, 19

Sunday mornings

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Nolte seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Nancy Nolte made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Sussex Christian School

Woodbourne Park for a 5 k

June 4, 2016

Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Park will be closed 8:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Christy Tuper stated that the Recreation Commission prohibits the sports teams on cutting the grass on the fields. The Wantage Township DPW workers routinely mow all fields. Sports teams should contact the Wantage Township with any special mowing requests.

The Commission stated to all present at the meeting that after the use of the field to pick up the garbage and recyclables, because the parks have a carry in and carry out policy. Posting of signs of an event are to be placed at the entrance of the Woodbourne Park only.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed a change in the distribution of the Easter eggs this year at Woodbourne Park. To help the younger children it was suggested to separate into two groups the four and under group and the five and up group. We are also checking with the fire department to see if a fire truck could be present at the Easter egg hunt event.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

The Yankee bus trip is scheduled for Sunday April 24, 2016 at 1:05 p.m. against the Tampa Bay Rays. Ticket purchase is now on sale for \$50.00 a ticket at the Township Municipal Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christine Keller made the motion to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes, Karen Merritt seconded the motion.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Russ Teague mentioned at the meeting that the softball field #1 at Woodbourne Park has a safety concern with the player entrance to the ball field. With the coordination of the Sussex Christian School in construction of the dugouts, they would like to rearrange the fence to accommodate a safer entrance. The Commission approves this change because of the safety of the players and to send paperwork to the Wantage Township construction department for inspections.

Russ Teague mentioned another safety issue with the softball field #2 at Woodbourne Park regarding settling of extra infield clay at the foul line area from home plate to first base and home plate to third base. With the opinion of a landscaping company a re-grading of that area would be done. The Commission approves re-grading of field #2 because of the safety concerns to the players.

Carl Nelson from High Point travel soccer mentioned to the commission that the portable toilets at Woodbourne Park were not cleaned regularly last year. The commission agreed to have the company monitored more closely and if you notice any portable toilets not cleaned out regularly to contact the Wantage Township.

Wayne Dunn from High Point soccer wanted to know drone and remote control flying policy at the parks because it is a distraction to players during a game. The Commission will research the FAA guidelines and at a later date will have more information on any current regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karen Merritt and seconded Greg Williams.

Ayes: Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper, Williams.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Wisse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene DeLaOsa, Board Secretary