

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE
TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ON
MARCH 28, 2018.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Vice President Christy Tuper called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lorraine Card, Kathy Gorman, Christy Tuper, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wurhl
Absent: Greg Williams.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Christy Tuper 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

Debi Milliken stated she wanted to bring the committee up-to-date with administrative changes at town hall. Arlene DeLaOsa will be going full-time to finance, and Nicole Dunn will become secretary for the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee.

Welcomed Darryl Wurhl as the new alternate recreation member on the advisory committee.

Darryl stated he thought he noticed a speaker mounted in the top of the pavilion and asked if it can be connected with a sound system. It would be nice for sports teams to have access to it for their events held at Woodbourne Park. There were concerns raised that the system could be vandalized or the speakers blown out. Maybe look into a portable system that can be plugged in by a few select organizations. Would neighbors complain about noise like they did when the lights were being used?

Christy asked Kathy if there are any improvements to increase attendance at Lake Neepaulin. We need to update list of recommendations that was presented to the Committeemen after we purchased. Kathy stated one of the speed bumps that was put in needs to be repaired before it gets worse.

Kathy stated that on July 23rd there will be a meeting held with the Open Space Board that the Township Committee, Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee and public will be invited to.

OLD BUSINESS

Yankee bus trip sold out!

Doherty Memorial Dedication – Will be held on baseball/softball's Opening Day (4/14). There was a discussion about how the program will run between baseball, softball, and the township.

There were SepticCare discussions on the need for extra cleanings when larger events are held at the park and possibly going back to asking the organization who is hosting to pay for an extra unit or cleaning. It is getting costly for the township to pay for the extra cleanings. Arlene stated the township did rent 7 units this year to help when sports are in season and the park is busy.

Wantage Day – \$120 collected so far from vendors. Christy stated the idea of Wantage Day is to bring the community together. We need to work on vendors, raffles and giveaways. Darryl was asked if baseball will hold another game this year. We may need to start game earlier so it's finished before the helicopter flies in. There were suggestions to do a kickball or wiffle ball game.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Easter Egg Hunt – It made the cover of the N.J. Herald. Everyone loved having it in the back of the park this year and utilizing the pavilion, which added character to the event. There were discussions on older kids finishing first then wandering into the younger kids' area to collect their eggs. We should use the caution tape next year to rope off the areas. The partnership with Kiwanis was wonderful and a big help with the Easter eggs. There was a discussion on the Elks possibly taking over the car show.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren Wisse made the motion to approve the March 28, 2018, Kathy Gorman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Card, Tuper, Wisse, Gorman. Nays: None

Absent: Williams.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lorraine Card and seconded Warren Wisse.

Ayes: Card, Tuper, Wisse, Gorman. Nays: None

Absent: Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary