

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ON
JULY 25, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

2018 Board Vice President Christy Tuper called the meeting to order.

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."

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lorraine Card, Kathy Gorman, Christy Tuper, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl.

Absent: Greg Williams.

NEW BUSINESS

Darryl Wuhrl made the motion seconded by Warren Wisse to approve the application for use of facilities by:

Sussex Christian School - Fall Soccer

Woodbourne Park field #3

September 13, 15, 25, Oct 4

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

September 19, 27 October 11, 12, 16, 24, 25

3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November 25

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Field usage worked out with High Point United Soccer Club and Sussex Middle School)

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

Absent: Williams

Kathy Gorman made the motion seconded by Darryl Wuhrl to approve the application for use of facilities by:

High Point United Soccer Club

Woodbourne Park, Field # 3

August 25 – November 20

9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The portable lights on the field are to be used until 9:30 p.m.

Excluded dates: September 22, 2018 until 11:00 a.m. for the Wantage Township 5K race.

October 13, 2018 all day for Wantage Day.

(Field usage worked out with Sussex Christian School and Sussex Middle School)

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

Absent: Williams

Kathy Gorman made the motion seconded by Darryl Wuhrl to approve the application for use of facilities by:

High Point United Soccer Club

Clifton E. Lawrence School

August 25 – November 20

9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The field will not be available until after 5:30 on these dates: September 20, September 27, October 2, October 10, October 17 and October 22, 2018.

(HPUSC has been notified of the excluded dates.)

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

Absent: Williams

High Point United Soccer Club

High Point Regional High School

August 25 – November 20

JV and Varsity soccer fields

9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Field use approved by HPRHS as follows:

August 25 – November 20, 2018

M-F 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sat 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(HPUSC has been notified of the approved dates and times.)

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

Absent: Williams

Darryl Wuhrl made the motion seconded by Kathy Gorman to approve the application for use of facilities by:

High Point United Soccer Club

Boggs Field, Sussex Borough

August 25 – November 20

9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Williams

Warren Wisse made the motion seconded by Darryl Wuhrl to approve the application for use of facilities by:

Sussex Wantage Softball

Woodbourne Park field # 1, 2

August 1 - October 28

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

Excluded dates: September 22, 2018 until 11:00 a.m. for the Wantage Township 5K race
October 13, 2018 all day for Wantage Day

(Sussex Wantage Softball have been advised of the excluded dates.)

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

Absent: Williams

Warren Wisse made the motion seconded by Kathy Gorman to approve the application for use of facilities by:

Sussex Wantage Little League Baseball

Lott Road fields - all

August – November, 2018

Monday – Friday afternoon and evenings

Saturday All Day

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

Absent: Williams

Kathy Gorman made the motion seconded by Warren Wisse to approve the application for use of facilities by:

Sussex Wantage Little League Baseball

Woodbourne Park field #4

August – November, 2018

Monday- Friday – afternoon and evenings

Saturday All Day

Excluded dates: September 22, 2018 until 11:00 a.m. for the Wantage Township 5K race
October 13, 2018 all day for Wantage Day.

(Sussex Wantage Little League has been notified of the excluded dates)

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

Absent: Williams

Warren Wisse made the motion seconded by Kathy Gorman to approve the application for use of facilities by:

High Point Midget Football

Woodbourne Park field #7, 8

August 1 – November 30, 2018

5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Excluded dates: September 22, 2018 until 11:00 a.m. for the Wantage Township 5K race
October 13, 2018 all day for Wantage Day.

(High Point Midget Football has been notified of the excluded dates)

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

Absent: Williams

Darryl Wuhrl made the motion seconded by Kathy Gorman to approve the application for use of facilities by:

Sussex Middle School

Woodbourne Park field #3

October 9 & October 16

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Williams

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Wantage Day.

Discussion on donation of sand for the volleyball pit at Woodbourne Park.

Discussion on needing volunteers to run the fishing contest this year.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Kathy Gorman advised of the Open Space Program meeting be held on August 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee would be receiving invitations to attend along with the Township Committee. Wantage residents are also invited to attend. Details of the meeting will be posted on Wantage Township's website and Facebook page.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

John Gramignano brought concerns to the committee for Sussex Wantage Little League as to field maintenance. Mr. Gramignano has volunteered a lot of his time towards working on and maintaining the baseball fields in town as well as saving money for both the township and little league by acquiring donations from local companies for supplies. He is concerned with who will maintain the fields once he longer has the time to dedicate to them. Mr. Gramignano believes little league should be reimbursed for at least part of what they have paid out towards maintaining township fields that all residents can enjoy. The township needs to get someone with knowledge of turf management and field maintenance. Christy Tuper asked Mr. Gramignano if he would be willing to put together a detailed plan of what needs to be done to successfully maintain the fields since he has the knowledge that many do not. Tuper recognizes Mr. Gramignano for all his hard work he has done for Little League. He states he will put together and email to the recreation committee a maintenance plan that anyone would be able to understand and follow. He also suggests the township send an employee to a seminar to learn proper maintenance of our sport fields. He suggests one that he had taken in the past to teach himself.

Jose, a representative from Septicare, speaks on the number of calls he is receiving from residents concerning service on the port-a-johns not being done at Woodbourne Park. He says our issue at Woodbourne Park is trash. There are no receptacles in our park, and he is requesting that we place them there (more particularly in the back). Once football and soccer season starts they are leaving their garbage in the port-a-johns. Christy Tuper states that Woodbourne Park has a carry-in/carry-out ordinance for trash. The committee can make a request. Septicare states they get more complaints from our residents than any other town and that the trash in the units at Woodbourne are causing a safety issue for his employees as one of his workers had a bottle break while cleaning a unit. Tuper states Septicare has been doing a great job trying to work with us. Discussion continues on how we can work with Septicare at the parks.

Discussion on whether the parks are being locked at night. It's stated that ATV vehicles are getting into Lott Road and damaging the grass, sod and clay. The vehicles are not entering through the gates but through the adjoining fields.

The committee states they will advocate to the township everyone's wishes.

Continued discussion on field maintenance at Woodbourne Park, Lott Road and Brookside baseball fields. The committee states that a lot of these concerns need to be brought before the Township Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lorraine Card made the motion to approve the June 28, 2018 minutes, Darryl Wuhrl seconded.

Ayes: Card, Gorman, Tuper, Wuhrl

Nays: None Absent: Williams, Wisse

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Lorraine Card.

Ayes: Card, Gorman, Tuper, Wuhrl

Nays: None Absent: Williams, Wisse

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary