

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION  
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE  
WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ON  
DECEMBER 3, 2014.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Vice President Christy Tuper called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Karen Merritt, Nancy Nolte, Christy Tuper, Warren Wisse.

Absent: Lorraine Card, Tanya Chiofalo, Christine Keller.

Greg Williams has taken a one year leave of absence effective June 2014.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE:**

Mrs. 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".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Wisse made the motion to approve the October 22, 2014 minutes, Mrs. Merritt seconded the motion. Ayes: Merritt, Nolte, Wisse, Tuper.

Nays: None. Absent: Card, Chiofalo, Keller.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Christine Byma, a representative of the Sussex Christian School, discussed at the meeting that money was raised to build dugouts starting in the spring of 2015, for the Sussex-Wantage girls softball league for field 1 at Woodbourne Park. Christine mentioned they would like to have a small sign on back of the dugout to show who donated. The school wanted to show gratitude and to give back to the community. The Commission agreed and thought it would be a wonderful addition to the park. Prior to the start of the project there must be a review with Patrick Stefanelli, the building department inspector, to discuss the best location of the dugouts, to ensure that the spectators viewing of the game are not restricted.

Al Fiorita the president of the Sussex-Wantage girls softball league discussed hanging league sponsor signs along the outfield fence starting on field 1 and then to field 2 at Woodbourne Park. The inclusion of the sponsor signs will help the league in raising money for better equipment. Al Fiorita also wanted a protective cover placed along top of the fence. The

Commission agreed with the addition of the sponsor signs. Before purchase, the total number of signs and size of each should be discussed with the Commission. To follow the restrictions, the signs must be of a consistent size and spacing and must come down seasonally.

Jill Pastore was not present at the meeting to discuss soccer for young children under five years old.

Paul Colaluca requested for field usage from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on December 14, 2014 at Woodbourne Park, for a flag football charity fundraiser tournament for the Wounded Warriors Project. In the Commission's discussion, they supported the cause and applauded their efforts in establishing a fundraiser. The Commission denied at this time the usage of the field because more information is needed, such as the number of teams and people attending, and the possibility of damage to the field. Mrs. Tuper made the motion to deny, Mrs. Merritt second the motion. Ayes: None. Nays: Merritt, Nolte, Wisse, Tuper.

A veteran who is serving in Afghanistan saw a need to donate sports equipment to Afghan children. The Commission decided for the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District to get involved collecting the donations and to raise money for shipment to Afghanistan. Initial steps will be taken for school approval and addressed at the January 2015 meeting.

Christy Tuper made the motion to excuse Greg Williams. He has taken a leave of absence from the Board of Recreation Commission. Mr. Wisse seconded the motion. Ayes: Merritt, Nolte, Wisse, Tuper. Nays: None.

Christy Tuper made the motion to approve discount Mountain Creek ski passes for the entire Wantage community. Nancy Nolte seconded the motion. Ayes: Merritt, Nolte, Wisse, Tuper. Nays: None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Andrew Kattermann attended the meeting to further discuss field usage for High Point Lacrosse. He mentioned he did initially contact Heather from the soccer league. He would like Saturday after 1:00 pm and one day during the week for lacrosse and a Sunday if available. Andrew Kattermann asked if the Lawrence school would be available for practice. It was also discussed to look at the Lott Road fields for additional usage. He will continue to communicate with Heather to confirm usage dates and which field to use.

Christy Tuper, Karen Merritt and Warren Wisse will help out at the Christmas tree lighting event on December 5, 2014.

The Commission set the date for the Easter Egg Hunt. The date will be Saturday March 21, 2015 and the rain date will be on Saturday March 28th. The start time is 11:00 am.

The Commission agreed with the date for Wantage Day. The date will be Saturday May 30, 2015, with no rain date.

The Commission set the date for the Yankees trip. It will be on May 9, 2015 against the Orioles. The time will be announced at a later date.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

None.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mrs. Gorman, a resident from Wantage would like to see more support and recognition to the Board of Recreation Commission. She also had a concern on the water level of the lake.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Wisse, and seconded by Mrs. Merritt.

Ayes: Merritt, Nolte, Wisse, Tuper. Nays: None.

Absent: Card, Chiofalo, Keller.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene DeLaOsa, Board Secretary