

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, ON FEBRUARY 22, 2017.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Greg Williams called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lorraine Card, Christine Keller, Karen Merritt, Nancy Nolte, Christy Tuper, Warren Wisse.
Greg Williams (arrived 7:15 p.m.)

Absent: None.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Christy Tuper Board Vice President 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

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

High Point United Soccer Club

Woodbourne Park field # 3

April 1, - June 10

Field # 3 Monday – Friday 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Woodbourne Park field # 7

Field # 7 Wednesday and Friday 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Excluded dates: Sunday, April 2nd- Easter Egg Hunt until 12:00 p.m. or a rain date Saturday, April 8th.

Saturday, June 3rd all day for Wantage Day.

Saturday, June 17th until 10:00 a.m. for the Sussex Christian School 5K race.

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

Lawrence School field

April 1 – June 10

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Excluded Date: Saturday June 3rd all day for Wantage Day.

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

High Point Lacrosse

Lawrence School field – practice field

April 1 – June 15

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Excluded Date: Saturday June 3rd all day for Wantage Day.

Karen Merritt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

Christine Keller 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. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Excluded dates: Sunday, April 2nd- Easter Egg Hunt until 12:00 p.m. or a rain date Saturday, April 8th.

Saturday, June 3rd all day for Wantage Day.

Saturday, June 17th until 10:00 a.m. for the Sussex Christian School 5K race.

Lorraine Card seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

Opening Day -Sussex \ Wantage Softball and Baseball

Woodbourne Park

Saturday April 29 – 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

No rain date for opening day.

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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, – July 1

Monday – Friday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Lorraine Card seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

Sussex Wantage Little League Baseball

Woodbourne Park field #4

April 1, – July 1

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.)

Excluded dates: Sunday, April 2nd- Easter Egg Hunt until 12:00 p.m. or a rain date Saturday, April 8th.
Saturday, June 3rd all day for Wantage Day.
Saturday, June 17th until 10:00 a.m. for the Sussex Christian School 5K race.

Nancy Nolte seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

High Point Travel Baseball

Woodbourne Park field #4

April 1, – July 31

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Excluded dates: Sunday, April 2nd- Easter Egg Hunt until 12:00 p.m. or a rain date Saturday, April 8th.
Saturday, June 3rd all day for Wantage Day.
Saturday, June 17th until 10:00 a.m. for the Sussex Christian School 5K race.

Nancy Nolte seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

Lorraine Card made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Sussex Christian School – 5K

Woodbourne Park

June 17, 2017

Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

Christy Tuper seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

Lorraine Card made the motion to approve the application for use of facilities:

Application for use of facilities: **Sussex County YMCA Flag Football**

Woodbourne Park field #7

April 2, April 9, April 23, April 30

May 7, May 14, May 21

June 4, June 11, June 18

Sunday mornings

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Karen Merritt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

North Jersey Flag Football Association

Woodbourne Park field #8

April 2, - June 25

Sunday mornings

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission asked the sports leagues to have a partnership with the township and to get involved in Wantage Day, which is Saturday, June 3rd. Ideas should be submitted to the township by the end of April and will be discussed at the next recreation meeting.

The Mets bus trip is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 1:10 p.m. against the Miami Marlins. Ticket purchase is now on sale for \$60.00 a ticket at the Township Municipal Building.

Greg Williams asked for a follow-up on the Wantage Dog Park mud problem in the Spring and Fall. Arlene DeLaOsa stated that Stu Baker, the president of the Wantage Dog Park Association is aware of the problem and is in the process of raising funds so they can create a stone walking path, separate the park into sections, and re-seed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

The Recreation Commission is in agreement with the nonprofit organization Welcome Home Vets Fund of New Jersey Inc. for the 2017 Veteran Memorial Car, Truck and Bike Show donations. It will be the second year the Commission will be using the organization. Lorraine Card made the motion to approve the organization for 2017 and Christine Keller seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lorraine Card made the motion to approve the January 25, 2017 minutes, Karen Merritt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Jennifer Theobald and Russ Teague mentioned at the meeting that the softball field #1 at Woodbourne Park has a safety concern with the bottom of the fence and a player bench, which is bent and has a sharp edge. The Commission said to email the concerns to Arlene and she will send the information to the Administrator and the CFO for approval to have the items fixed.

The Commission stated to all sports leagues to submit a list of any field maintenance safety concern issues to Arlene and she will process the information to the township. This will help in communication and to address and fix any safety concerns. Also, the sport leagues must submit a completion date on the repainting maintenance of the baseball dugouts and the football shed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christy Tuper and seconded Warren Wisse.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene DeLaOsa, Board Secretary