

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ON
APRIL 26, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

2017 Board President Greg Williams called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lorraine Card, Christine Keller, Karen Merritt, Nancy Nolte, Christy Tuper,
Greg Williams, Warren Wisse.
Absent: None.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Greg Williams 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

The Mayor of Wantage Jon Morris introduced a local couple who are donating a unique multipurpose pavilion to Woodbourne Park. Since the couple regularly frequents the park, they wanted to give back something positive to the community and at no cost to the tax payers. The pavilion will have a country farm-inspired design, reflecting upon our town's natural, rural aesthetic. Construction is scheduled to start in July with a projected completion date in September.

Jon Morris delivered an update on soccer fields 5 and 6 at Woodbourne Park. The two fields are in the process of undergoing renovations which include an irrigation system, reseeding, and a fence for safety.

Jon Morris mentioned the township is in the process of finalizing a shared service with High Point Regional High School. The first step towards park maintenance would be to fertilize Woodbourne Park's grass and trees, which will lead to the eventual takeover of upkeeping the baseball and softball fields. This partnership will lessen the burden on our hardworking volunteers and shift more responsibility to Wantage Township.

Jon Morris mentioned that the township is in the process of preparing an ordinance to change Wantage Recreation from a Commission to an Advisory Board. This decision will streamline field maintenance communications, increase the township's responsibility, and allow the Recreation Advisory Board to focus on special events throughout the year.

Ken Karnas received a donation constructed by Wayne Card in order to install a "Little Free Library" which is a wooden structure containing free books for the community to enjoy. This will be located near the playground area at Woodbourne Park.

Stu Baker sent detailed plans to recreation regarding the revitalization of the Wantage Township Dog Park.

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

**Cub Scout Pack 153 -Rocket Launch
Lott Road field #2 (outfield area)**

Sunday May 7 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Field usage will be worked out with baseball.)

Christine Keller seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Absent: None.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission mentioned the Easter egg hunt was held on Sunday, April 2nd at Woodbourne Park was a huge success due to the volunteer presence, the Beemerville Fire Department, the many families in attendance and its improvements from the previous year. We had a new portable PA systems that gave us better communication on the field and divided the children in age groups to help the young children.

The Recreation Commission discussed preparations for Wantage Day that will be held on Saturday June 3 at Woodbourne Park.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Chris Dely's Eagle Scout project to revitalize the basketball court at Lake Neepaulin was approved by the Mayor and Committee. The project will include new basketball poles, backboards, nets and repainting the lines of the court. The start date of this project is in May and will be completed in June 2017.

The date of the fishing contest is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at Lake Neepaulin from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy Tuper made the motion to approve the March 22, 2017 minutes, Christine Keller seconded the motion.

Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper Williams, Wisse. Nays: None

Absent: None.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Greg Williams and seconded by Christy Tuper.

Ayes: Card, Keller, Merritt, Nolte, Tuper Williams, Wisse. Nays: None

Absent: None.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene DeLaOsa, Board Secretary