

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON MAY 22, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

2019 Board 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: Kathy Gorman, Ellen Smith, Christy Tuper, Warren Wisse

Absent: Lorraine Card, Darryl Wuhrl

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Kathy Gorman and seconded by Ellen Smith, the recreation committee approved the field use application submitted by James Konzel.

Ayes: Gorman, Smith, Tuper, Wisse Nays: None

Absent: Card, Wuhrl

On motion by Kathy Gorman and seconded by Ellen Smith, the recreation committee approved the field use application submitted by High Point Midget Football.

Ayes: Gorman, Smith, Tuper, Wisse Nays: None

Absent: Card, Wuhrl

On motion by Kathy Gorman and seconded by Warren Wisse, the recreation committee approved the field use application submitted by First Touch Soccer School.

Ayes: Gorman, Smith, Tuper, Wisse Nays: None

Absent: Card, Wuhrl

On motion by Ellen Smith and seconded by Kathy Gorman, the recreation committee approved the field use application submitted by Sussex Beaver Baseball.

Ayes: Gorman, Smith, Tuper, Wisse Nays: None

Absent: Card, Wuhrl

Discussion took place concerning the planning of the township fishing contest at Lake Neepaulin. The boat ramp needs to be fixed before we can have a contest. There is discussion on having the contest without allowing boats.

OLD BUSINESS

The recreation committee discussed the status of planning the Wantage Pageant.

The recreation committee discussed planning the Wantage Day Fall Festival. Kathy Gorman reported on the status of vendors, food vendors and demonstrations/exhibitions. The Morris Essex Tuesday Senior Softball league has agreed to play an exhibition game during the day.

Nicole Dunn read an email from Gene Stracco, Commissioner of the Morris Essex Tuesday Senior Softball League, that updated the committee on the status of starting a team in Sussex County. Unfortunately, they did not have enough interest to start a team this year, but they will try again next year.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Kathy Gorman reported that she had called the state about the fish in Lake Neepaulin in preparation of the township fishing contest. Ms. Gorman asks the committee if anyone has any opposition to removing a dead tree from the beach at the lake. She discusses looking into cost-effective ways to landscape the area at the beach to make it more appealing for people to come use the area.

The committee discussed the maintenance of ball fields and irrigation installation at Woodbourne Park and whether Open Space monies can be used towards both.

Kathy Gorman reported that the sale of the Berry Road property is complete. Ms. Gorman would like the recreation committee to come up with ideas for the property to be used to present to the governing body. There is discussion on ideas for the property.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mary Carafelli attended the meeting to hear any ideas being discussed concerning the Berry Road property. Kathy Gorman stated that the governing body will be asking residents for ideas of what they would like to see added to that property. Ms. Carafelli stated she would like to see a Community or Senior Center added to the property. She stated many local communities have such a center and that being a member of Friends of the Library she knows they would be interested in using one. She asked if the house on the property could be used for such a center, and if it was in bad shape was there money for it to be fixed. Ms. Gorman stated she believes Open Space money could be used for that.

There is discussion on whether pickle ball can be added to Woodbourne Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ellen Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. Kathy Gorman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Gorman, Smith, Tuper, Wisse Nays: none

Absent: Card, Wuhrl

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ellen Smith to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kathy Gorman.

Ayes: Gorman, Smith, Tuper, Wisse Nays: None

Absent: Card, Wuhrl

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn,
Board Secretary