

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON JANUARY 22, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

2020 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 (via speaker phone), Gary Margiotta, Christy Tuper, Susan Weiss, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl

Absent: None

NOMINATIONS

Christy Tuper called for nominations for the office of President and Vice President for the Wantage Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the Year 2020.

On motion by Warren Wisse, seconded by Susan Weiss, Christy Tuper was nominated for President of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2020.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gorman, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Margiotta, Wuhrl

On motion by Christy Tuper, seconded by Susan Weiss, Warren Wisse was nominated for Vice President of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2019.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gorman, Tuper, Weiss. Nays: None. Absent: Margiotta, Wuhrl

Ms. Tuper called for nominations for secretary of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee. On motion by Warren Wisse, seconded by Susan Weiss, Nicole Dunn was nominated as secretary of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Committee for the year 2020.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gorman, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Margiotta, Wuhrl

MEETING SCHEDULE AND NAMING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Warren Wisse moved to establish the regular meeting nights of the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee for calendar year 2020, and the first meeting of 2021, as per the attached resolution. Susan Weiss seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gorman, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Margiotta, Wuhrl

LOCATION: Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage N.J. 07461

February 26, 2020	7:00 pm
March 25, 2020	7:00 pm
April 22, 2020	7:00 pm
May 27, 2019	7:00 pm
June 24, 2020	7:00 pm
July 22, 2020	7:00 pm
August 26, 2020	7:00 pm
September 23, 2020	7:00 pm
October 28, 2020	7:00 pm
November 18, 2020	7:00 pm
January 27, 2021 (Organization Meeting)	7:00 pm

Warren Wisse made a motion, seconded by Susan Weiss, to name the N.J. Herald and the N.J. Sunday Herald the official newspapers for the Wantage Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gorman, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse. Nays: None. Absent: Margiotta, Wuhrl

NEW BUSINESS

The Recreation Committee discussed setting dates for the coming year's recreation events. Dates set for these events are as follows:

- Easter Egg Hunt ~ Scheduled for Sunday, April 5th with a rain date of Saturday, April 11th. All committee members are in agreement.
- Yankees Baseball Trip ~ Tentative dates discussed to hold the event are April 19th or June 7th. After the lack of attendance at last year's Mets game, it is decided to table setting the date for this event. Nicole will reach out to the community to see what kind of interest there is for this year.
- Wantage Day Fall Festival ~ Scheduled for October 10, 2020. It is decided there will be no rain date for this event. It will be held rain or shine. All committee members are in agreement.
- Wantage Pageant ~ Katie Van Horn will be hosting the event again this year. Nicole is waiting to hear back from Katie on the date they have chosen. She will have a date for the committee at the February Recreation Meeting.
- Fishing Contest ~ Kevin Runo, a junior at High Point Regional High School, has agreed to host the fishing contest again this year. Nicole will talk with Kevin to find a date that works best for him and let the recreation committee know at the February meeting.
- Wantage Township 5K ~ Scheduled for September 19th. All committee members are in agreement.

- Christmas Tree Lighting ~ Ms. Tuper suggests that we wait to hear from Sussex Wantage Regional Schools as to when the book fair is scheduled as we coordinate the tree lighting with that event. A tentative date for the tree lighting is set for Friday, December 4th, pending confirmation of the book fair date.

Moving Wall: Warren Wisse gives the recreation committee an update on the Moving Wall coming to Woodbourne Park. The Moving Wall was contracted through the Sussex Elks so all questions and/or offers of donations should be referred to their organization. The wall is scheduled to be escorted into Woodbourne Park on September 9, 2020 and will open to the public starting September 10 through September 14. It is the first time the Moving Wall has been to Sussex County. The Moving Wall is a memorial and solemn event so absolutely nothing can be scheduled in the park while it is there. Nicole Dunn advises that she has already reached out to all sports that could potentially be using the park in September to advise them no games or practices can be scheduled that weekend at Woodbourne fields. The Moving Wall is open 24 hours for viewing, but only veterans will be allowed to visit it during the overnight hours. There is discussion on accommodating parking for visitors to the Moving Wall. A representative from the Sussex Elks is expected to attend the February recreation meeting to provide us with more information.

Event plans are handed out to each recreation committee member to review and revise, if necessary, for the upcoming year.

OLD BUSINESS

Wantage Tree Lighting. Ms. Tuper asks if anyone had recommendations for changes to this event based on last year's tree lighting. Everyone who was in attendance feels it ran smoothly. The use of a sound system that is loud enough to be heard continues to be an issue at each of our events.

Christy Tuper and Michael Restel both provided information to the recreation secretary on sound systems they researched for the pavilion at Woodbourne Park. Discussion continues about what is needed to provide sound to a large area of the park. Kathy Gorman suggests we look into possible grants that could be used towards a PA system.

The recreation committee discusses the need for maintenance on fields throughout Wantage Township parks and what is the most affordable way to make it happen.

The recreation committee discusses how field use applications will be handled this year. A suggestion is made to create an online calendar where all sports teams can see what fields are being used and at what times.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

The recreation committee discusses uses for the Berry Road property in order to present a formal proposal to the governing body.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

There was no discussion during the open public session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Darryl Wuhrl made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee meeting. Gary Margiotta seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Margiotta, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse, Wuhrl. Nays: None. Absent: Gorman

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Susan Weiss to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Warren Wisse. Roll Call: Ayes: Margiotta, Tuper, Weiss, Wisse, Wuhrl. Nays: None. Absent: Gorman

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Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary