

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON FEBRUARY 26, 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, Gary Margiotta, Christy Tuper, Warren Wisse

Absent: Susan Weiss, Darryl Wuhrl

Christy Tuper asks everyone to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty Green and Thomas Peterson (Goose), representatives from the Sussex Elks, are invited to speak to the committee and sports teams in attendance about The Moving Wall coming to Woodbourne Park from September 10th through September 15th, 2020. The Moving Wall is a half size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Christy states that Nicole Dunn has notified all sports teams at this time that there is to be no activities planned at Woodbourne Park the weekend that The Moving Wall is at the park. Susan and Goose state that the wall coming to our park is a great privilege. Goose has volunteered at 5 other events where the wall visited. It is a solemn memorial where veterans and families that may not be able to travel to Washington D.C. can visit. There are 29 veterans in Sussex County that are named on the Wall. He anticipates people from the tri-state area visiting. Susan and Goose continue to talk about anticipating the need for volunteers and help in September. For more information on The Moving Wall, we can visit the Sussex Elks Facebook page.

Christy asks Nicole for updates on the sports fields and what the township is discussing doing to maintain them this season. Christy also asked the sports teams in attendance that if they are at a township field and see anything that needs to be repaired or maintained to please reach out for Nicole as communication between the township and sports organization is important to keeping them well maintained.

The recreation committee reviews Field Use applications for approval during the Spring 2020 season. The applications are as follows:

APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

Sussex Wantage Girls Softball

Woodbourne Park Fields #1 & 2

April 1 – June 30, 2020

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

Excluding: April 5th & 11th from 8:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. (Easter Egg Hunt)

Skylands Sports Club – High Point Heat Softball

2nd Annual Country Girls Tournament

Woodbourne Park Fields 1 & 2

May 15 - 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

May 16 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

May 17 – 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

High Point United Soccer Club

Woodbourne Park Fields 5 & 6

March 28 – June 27, 2020

Monday – Friday 4:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Excluding: April 5th & 11th 8:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. (Easter Egg Hunt)

Sussex Wantage Little League

Woodbourne Park Field 4

April 1 thru July 1, 2020

Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Excluding: April 5th & 11th 8:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. (Easter Egg Hunt)

Sussex Wantage Little League

Lott Road Fields 1, 2, 3 & 4

April 1 thru July1, 2020

Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Girls On The Run

Woodbourne Park walking path

April 30 & May 5

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

A motion is made by Kathy Gorman, seconded by Gary Margiotta to approve all Field Use Applications.

Roll Call:

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

OLD BUSINESS

The recreation committee discusses the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

The recreation committee discusses the Yankee bus trip. Nicole advises she hasn't had a big turnout for this year's trip. The committee discusses the possibility of having to cancel the trip this year. They discuss other ideas we can offer in place of the bus trip.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Kathy Gorman states she would like the recreation committees input on possibly hosting a Food Truck event at Woodbourne Park in the future. If the committee likes the idea she will proceed with gathering more information on hosting one. The committee agrees to consider the event, and Kathy will get more information.

Nicole advises the committee that she has set a date with volunteer, Kevin Runo, for the township fishing contest which will be scheduled for July 11th at Lake Neepaulin. She also advises the committee that Mike Restel has ordered the boat ramp replacement for Lake Neepaulin and the timeline for installation.

Kathy Gorman states she reached out to another city who has installed the outdoor gym we proposed for either the Berry Road property or Woodbourne Park and relates the information she was given.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Jennifer Theobald, representative from the Sussex Wantage Softball League asks about maintenance of the softball fields for the coming season. Christy states to let Nicole know what needs to be done and DPW will handle it. Ms. Theobald advises that last season when DPW raked the fields, damage was done to some of the equipment that needs to be replaced. She also requested that the equipment box near Field 2 be sprayed regularly for bees as she had parents stung multiple times last year. Nicole will let the administrator know.

Gary Margiotta, as representative for High Point Soccer Club asks for an update on the well and sprinkler system on Fields 5 and 6 at Woodbourne Park. Nicole will provide him with an update after speaking with the administrator.

Softball states that they are noticing residents allowing their dogs to go to the bathroom on their field equipment boxes and asks if there is anything the township can do to help prevent this from continuing. They suggest placing signage near the equipment boxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren Wisse made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22nd Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee meeting. Kathy Gorman seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Warren Wisse to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kathy Gorman

Roll Call:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary