

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
ON JANUARY 27, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

2020 Board Vice-President, Warren Wisse, called the meeting to order.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE**

Warren Wisse 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."

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Wisse ask everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Heather Hill, Gary Margiotta (Zoom), Susan Weiss, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl  
Absent: None

**NOMINATIONS**

2020 Vice President, Warren Wisse, called for nominations for the office of President and Vice President for the Wantage Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the Year 2021.

On motion by Darryl Wuhrl, seconded by Heather Hill, Warren Wisse was nominated for President of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2021.

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

On motion by Gary Margiotta, seconded by Heather Hill, Darryl Wuhrl was nominated for Vice President of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2021.

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

**Appointments for the Board of Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee**

Warren Wisse announces the appointments for the Board of Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. The following volunteers have been approved for the terms listed by the Mayor and Committee as follows:

Warren Wisse, regular member, for the term running thru 12/31/23  
Darryl Wuhrl, regular member, for the term running thru 12/31/23  
Susan Weiss, regular member, for a term running thru 12/31/22  
Gary Margiotta, regular member, for a term running thru 12/31/23  
Heather Hill, regular member, for a term running thru 12/31/21

The board secretary gave each member their Oath of Allegiance to read and sign. President, Warren Wisse called for nominations for secretary of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee. On motion by Susan Weiss, seconded by Darryl Wuhrl, Nicole Dunn was nominated as secretary of the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Committee for the year 2021.

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

Warren Wisse calls for a motion to establish the regular meeting nights of the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee for calendar year 2021, and the first meeting of 2022, as per the attached resolution. On motion by Gary Margiotta and seconded by Darryl Wuhrl, the following dates were set for calendar year 2021.

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

February 24, 2021	7:00 pm
March 24, 2021	7:00 pm
April 28, 2021	7:00 pm
May 26, 2021	7:00 pm
June 23, 2021	7:00 pm
July 28, 2021	7:00 pm
August 25, 2021	7:00 pm
September 22, 2021	7:00 pm
October 27, 2021	7:00 pm
November 17, 2021	7:00 pm
January 26, 2022 (Organization Meeting)	7:00 pm

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

Warren Wisse called for a motion to name the N.J. Herald and the N.J. Sunday Herald the official newspapers for the Wantage Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee. Motion was made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Gary Margiotta.

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

## **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 Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All committee members are in agreement.
- Wantage Pageant ~ TBD
- Spring Plant Exchange ~ Scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Susan would like to reach out to Stillwater recreation as there is a member who belongs to the North Jersey Wildflower group. They attended our Fall Plant Exchange and are interested in possibly joining with us this year to participate. Susan will also reach out to NJ Deer Control and ask if they would like to participate again. All committee members are in agreement.

- Fishing Contest ~ Scheduled for Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Lake Neepaulin beach. All committee members are in agreement.
- Wantage Township 5K ~ Scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. All committee members are in agreement.
- Wantage Day Fall Festival ~ Scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. All committee members are in agreement.
- Fall Plant Exchange ~ TBD
- Christmas Tree Lighting ~ Scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Elks Travelling Vietnam Moving Wall: Rescheduled date is September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Wantage Tree Lighting. Everyone felt the event went well despite having to work around social distancing and the pandemic. The winner of the car decorating contest was very happy to have won. Changes to be made in the future: need more advertising/marketing.

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

President, Warren Wisse, opens the meeting to the public for comment.

Steve Kosinski, President of the Sussex Wantage Little League: The league's overall concern is that they are having issues with using the fields at Brookside Park. They are looking to utilize more fields at Woodbourne Park. Conversation continues between Mr. Kosinski and the recreation board over maintenance of the ball fields. Susan Weiss asks if local teams can use the ballfield near the amphitheater at High Point State Park. Discussion continues on the condition of the fields at Brookside Park.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

The recreation committee discusses whether it is cost efficient to continue with bus trips to ballgames. It is discussed to contact Skylands Stadium and possibly hold a township day at one of the Miners games in June. Nicole will contact the stadium and get information for the committee.

The recreation committee discusses ideas that they can bring to Lake Neepaulin beach.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Susan Weiss to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2020.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Warren Wisse to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Susan Weiss.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary