

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON MARCH 25, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

2021 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 (Zoom)

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Susan Weiss and seconded by Heather Hill, the field use applications submitted by the Sussex Wantage Little League and High Point United Soccer Club were approved.

Ayes: Hill, Margiotta, Weiss, Wisse, Wuhrl Nays: None Abstain: None

On motion by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Gary Margiotta, the pavilion rental application submitted by C. Matthews was approved.

Ayes: Hill, Margiotta, Weiss, Wisse, Wuhrl Nays: None Abstain: None

Warren Wisse reviewed his meeting with the governing body and township administrator, Michael Restel to discuss the 2021 budget of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee.

The recreation committee discussed applying to be a host of the 6th Annual Youth Fishing Challenge.

The recreation committee discussed possibly organizing a Farmer's Market to hold monthly throughout the summer. They also discussed where may be a location to start creating a community garden for residents.

OLD BUSINESS

The recreation committee discusses its final plans for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt at Woodbourne Park.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Patrician Greene, Armstrong Road, member of The Sussex Elks joins via Zoom to discuss with the recreation committee the Moving Wall coming to Woodbourne Park. It will arrive on September 8th and be open to the public from September 9th through September 13th, 2021. The platform for the wall will need to be set up the weekend before the wall arriving. There is discussion on having the wall set up on Field 8 with its lights as it needs to be lit 24 hours while at Woodbourne Park. The wall will be open to the public to visit from sunrise to sunset. From sunset to sunrise only veterans will be allowed in the park to visit the wall. There will be police vehicles present for security as well as retired police volunteers. Ms. Greene advises that nothing is to happening in the park while the moving wall is there. It is a memorial and needs to be respected as such. The Elks will need many volunteers as we get closer to the event date. Nicole Dunn asked Ms. Greene if she could provide a list of what type of volunteers and donations they would be looking for so she can publish their needs on the township website and social media pages. They will need benches to place around the memorial for veterans to be able to sit and reflect on the wall. Ms. Dunn says she will reach out to other townships and see if they have benches they can let us borrow for the weekend.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Susan Weiss, discusses how planning is going for the upcoming Spring Plant Exchange being held in May.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Susan Weiss to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2021.

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