

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON APRIL 28, 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, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl (Zoom)

Absent: Susan Weiss

NEW BUSINESS

The Wantage Recreation committee discussed the pavilion applications.

The recreation committee discussed organizing a Miners' ballgame for residents. It was discussed scheduling the game for some time in August as a last "hoorah" before going back to school in September.

The recreation committee discussed organizing a town-wide garage sale. Nicole Dunn informed the committee that the governing body approved organizing this event using a map showing residents participating. Recreation discussed ideas to make the event fun such as a scavenger hunt. There was discussion of a donation/fee for having your name printed on the map. It was decided to hold the event over two days on a weekend towards the end of September.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee discussed the Easter Egg Hunt held. Nicole stated she felt the egg hunt went well. It was a chilly morning but it warmed up. Gary Margiotta stated there wasn't any children in the Age 12 category and suggested we eliminate that age group for future egg hunts. If children that age did come, they wouldn't be denied access to the field.

The committee discussed the upcoming plant exchange. Susan Weiss was absent from the meeting but emailed the committee her update. Nicole stated she reached out to a few local farms in the area asking them to participate, but did not hear back from any of them.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION (No public is present for the meeting.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Gary Margiotta advised to the recreation committee that the speeding and constant dog feces at Woodbourne Park is becoming bad. Even with the dog refuse bags and containers to dispose them in, it is all over the park even on the sport fields where he is coaching and kids are playing. He asks if there is an ordinance as to dog waste at our parks. Nicole states there are signs posted at Woodbourne asking for residents to clean up after their dogs and that there is a fine for not doing so. Gary asks if we can ban dogs from the sports fields. It is disrespectful. He also states that speeding is bad in the park with young adults driving way too fast entering and exiting the park, slowing down at the speed bumps and “flooring it” once over them. Nicole asked if they felt more speed bumps added would help to slow people down in the park. Darryl Wuhrl states if we add too many speed bumps, residents will try to ride around them onto the grass and ruin the grass shoulders. Darryl Wuhrl asks if the township would consider “hiring” a civilian police officer to be at the fields and follow through with summons on speeding and residents not cleaning up after their dogs. It is asked if we can add more cameras to the park. Darryl Wuhrl suggests a camera with a license plate reader installed at the entrance of the park. The township would need to protect it from vandalism.

Darryl Wuhrl asks the recreation committee if we can look into hosting a movie night for residents.

The committee discusses starting to organize events for this fall’s Wantage Day Fall Festival.

The committee discusses The Moving Wall coming to Woodbourne Park and how it is going to be installed on the field

Gary Margiotta states he would still like to see solar panels installed at Woodbourne Park to add lighting to the fields and roadway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion is made by Warren Wisse and seconded by Gary Margiotta to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2021.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Warren Wisse to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Heather Hill.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary