

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON MARCH 23, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

2022 Board 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 asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Heather Hill, Gary Margiotta, Warren Wisse, Darryl Wuhrl

Absent: Susan Weiss

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Margiotta asked if sod can be purchased for the goal area on the U15 soccer field at Woodbourne Park.

OLD BUSINESS

The recreation committee discussed final preparations for the upcoming township egg hunt. Nicole Dunn thanked Clean Communities for donating another 500 eggs towards the egg hunt.

The recreation committee discussed details on the upcoming town-wide garage sale. It is agreed that the cost to be added to the map will remain at \$5/household.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Warren Wisse opened the meeting up to the public for discussion.

Ben Cerutti, Wantage resident, attended the meeting on behalf of the Sussex Wantage Little League. Mr. Cerutti stated that registration numbers are almost doubled this year for baseball as well as many other sports. The Little League organization has invested \$5,000 into the Lott Road baseball fields. All fields are now up and running with just clay and conditioner needed on them. Mr. Cerutti asked if it would be possible to get more keys to the gate at Lott Road for coaches to be able to open and lock. Discussion continued as to what other needs there were for baseball fields, i.e. bases, storage, etc. Mr. Cerutti asked for permission to allow little league to put a shed at Woodbourne Park to store their equipment. He also asked if the township would consider changing the rule for size of sponsor signage hung on the field fencing.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Darryl Wuhrl discussed whether Open Space monies can be used to cover the costs associated with maintenance at the parks. Discussion ensued.

The recreation committee discussed traffic at the intersection of Berry Road and Sherman Ridge Road. Gary Margiotta stated that since the bridge has been out of use, residents do not come to a full stop at that intersection which can put residents in danger when crossing to the Berry Road property. Darryl Wuhrl suggested raised cross walks and stated he will send information on them to Nicole.

Nicole Dunn advised the recreation committee that a grant writer has been hired for the township. If the committee comes across any grants they would like considered for recreational use, they can send the information to her. She will see that the information is passed on to the grant writer.

Gary Margiotta asked if there has been any more talk within the township as to running internet into Woodbourne Park to help with security of the area. Discussion continued pertaining to ATVs riding in the corn fields and property in the back of Woodbourne Park. A truck was seen doing "donuts" on the Berry Road property.

Darryl Wuhrl asked if the township can add more benches to the Woodbourne Park walking path. He also suggested adding shelters to a few benches to provide shade to residents sitting on select benches.

Nicole Dunn advised the recreation committee that she had received the contract for fireworks and inflatables for this year's Wantage Day Fall Festival and the contract for the timer for the township 5K.

Darryl Wuhrl suggested to the recreation committee that they attend a Mayor and Committee meeting to express their ideas and concerns directly to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion is made by Gary Margiotta and seconded by Heather Hill to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2022.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Warren Wisse called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Gary Margiotta.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary