

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON APRIL 27, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

2022 Board Vice President, Gary Margiotta, called the meeting to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Gary Margiotta 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. Margiotta ask everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Heather Hill, Gary Margiotta, Susan Weiss, Darryl Wuhrl

Absent: Warren Wisse

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Margiotta introduced newest recreation member, Ben Cerutti, to the recreation committee.

Mr. Margiotta introduced discussion amongst the recreation members regarding a request received from the Sussex-Wantage PTO organization to purchase equipment needed to host movie nights. The Sussex Wantage PTO reached out to several organizations along with the township to gather interest on sharing the expense. Mr. Margiotta posed the question, "Who is going to own this and who will be responsible for the expenses associated with maintenance of the equipment?" Recreation member, Darryl Wuhrl, suggested the township purchase a screen and projector that can be loaned out to others with insurance provided for damages that may occur during use. He also stated that whomever wants to use the equipment can purchase the copyrights for the movie themselves. Gary Margiotta added that they can sell concessions during the movie night to help cover their costs. Recreation member Heather Hill suggested that the township could also purchase a yearly copyright for movie rentals, and organizations that want to use the screen and projector can pay a fee (\$100 suggested) towards the copyright expense. That organization can also run concessions to help cover their costs. Mr. Wuhrl stated that unless the recreation committee is planning on hosting movie night themselves, he didn't feel we should pay for the copyrights to movies. A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl, seconded by Susan Weiss, to research purchasing a screen and projector for the township. AYES: Wuhrl, Margiotta, Weiss, Hill, Cerutti NAYS: none ABSENT: Wisse

Mr. Margiotta introduced discussion pertaining to the township moving the crossing path between Woodbourne Park and Berry Road across Sherman Ridge Road. Mr. Wuhrl had

provided information to the committee on raised crosswalks as a suggestion. Discussion ensued.

Gary Margiotta asked for the township to provide sod to the High Point United Soccer Association to try and repair the grass within the goals at Field 3 of Woodbourne Park. It is determined that the best time to place the sod on the field would be August before the soccer season begins.

OLD BUSINESS

The recreation committee discussed the Easter Egg Hunt held at Woodbourne Park. Recreation members who were able to attend felt it was a successful event. Many residents were thankful that the township sponsored an egg hunt for the families of the township. One improvement to be made next year is to move the speakers to the front of the pavilion aiming towards the hill behind it to increase the volume of announcements.

Susan Weiss updated the committee on the Spring Plant Exchange. Nicole Dunn provided Ms. Weiss with the seed pod give-away donated by Clean Communities for the event.

The recreation committee discussed the upcoming town wide garage sale.

The recreation committee discussed hosting a township day during a Miners ballgame at Skylands Stadium. Gary Margiotta is available to host the event with Heather Hill. Mrs. Dunn stated she will reach out to local businesses to ask if they would like to set up tables that night to promote their businesses. A date of July 23rd is agreed upon for the event. A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Heather Hill.

AYES: Wuhrl, Margiotta, Weiss, Hill, Cerutti NAYS: none ABSENT: Wisse

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Gary Margiotta opens the meeting up to the public for discussion.

Jean Perlee, residing at 133 Sherman Ridge Road, asked for clarification about the walkway that is proposed connecting Woodbourne Park to Berry Road.

Seeing no other questions from the public, Mr. Margiotta closed the meeting to the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- Updates are provided to the recreation committee on the pickleball court proposed for the blacktop area near Field 3 at Woodbourne Park.
- The recreation committee agreed to increase the size of sponsorship signs hung on fencing around ballfields at township parks from 2'x4' to 3'x5'. Approval was given to this change by township administrator, Michael Restel, prior to the recreation meeting.
- Gary Margiotta requested on the behalf of High Point United Soccer Club if they can be provided with the mowing schedule for their soccer fields, or request the days to be changed, in order to avoid the lined fields being mowed before games. Discussion continued about sports organizations' needs and what the township can provide them in terms of maintenance.

- Ben Cerutti requested on behalf of Sussex Wantage Little League to have 4 keys to Lott Road gate to provide to their coaches.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Susan Weiss to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2022.

AYES: Wuhrl, Margiotta, Weiss, Hill NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wisse ABSTAIN: Cerutti

ADJOURNMENT

A motion is made by Darryl Wuhrl and seconded by Ben Cerutti to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Hill, Margiotta, Weiss, Wuhrl, Cerutti NAYS: None ABSENT: Wisse

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Dunn, Board Secretary