

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2010**

A regularly scheduled meeting was held on the above date at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 P.M. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Walt Aungst, Antonella DiMatteo, Frank McCullough, Mark Wilson. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager.

Approval of January 2010 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. Adamcik, seconded by Mr. Aungst, the Recreation Committee voted to approve the January 18, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted.

UPDATES

Dogs in Lindberg Park: Ms. DiMatteo expressed concern that allowing dogs in the parks would likely discourage participation in the park program because there are children and/or their parents that are either allergic to or have a fear of dogs. She also mentioned that Chief Stiles disagreed with allowing dogs in the park and was particularly concerned with the Police Department's ability to enforce such a regulation. There is an April 22, 2010 work session following the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners that will focus on this question. Mr. McCullough mentioned that Ordinance 206 has been on the books since February 23, 1978 that prohibits dogs within all Township parks.

Parks Master Site Plan: Mr. Soriano mentioned that the February 11th workshop was cancelled due to inclement weather. He stated that the Commonwealth's current fiscal troubles will greatly diminish the number of grants available. Mr. Adamcik confirmed this situation in a meeting with State Representative Karen Beyer.

NEW BUSINESS

Bus Trips: Ms. DiMatteo proposed the idea of the Township organizing two bus trips for its residents: one in early summer and one in late summer; for example, one trip might be to a Broadway show in New York City and another trip might be to the Baltimore Inner Harbor, including the National Aquarium. The bus company under consideration requires a 20% deposit one month ahead of the event. There was discussion as to whether the Township could subsidize any of the costs as it did for the community concerts held in prior years, and there was some agreement that this could be done. She agreed that she would continue to explore the costs and send an email to this committee prior to its next regular meeting.

Summer Playground Program: Ms. Baillie mentioned that applications are being received. There had been discussion in prior meetings regarding the addition of paddleball (mini tennis), but Ms. Baillie reported that the required equipment is quite expensive and since the kids are already playing tennis on the existing courts, the incremental cost did not seem worthwhile.

Field Assignments: Ms. Baillie reported that requests are being received and that all is going well.

Field Conditions: Ms. Baillie noted that the snowy weather had delayed any grooming of ball fields within the Township. It was noted that City of Allentown fields at Alton Park and Fountain Park have already been groomed but the Township plans on getting its ball fields into playing condition as soon as possible.

Recreation Advisory Committee By-Laws: Mr. Soriano proposed eliminating any references to the Township Resolution regarding this committee and to instead focus solely on self-governing rules & regulations, including making a recommendation for removal for failure of regular attendance. Mr. Adamcik will edit the current draft accordingly, redistribute to the committee for comments via email, and finalize for review and vote at the next regular meeting.

April Parks Tour Dates: The committee will meet on Tuesday, April 6, 6:00PM at Laubach Park to begin its tour of parks on the eastern side of the township, and it will similarly meet on Thursday, April 8, 6:00PM, at Green Acres Park to begin its tour of parks on the western side of the township.

Lindberg Park Tennis Court Reconstruction: Ms. Baillie reported that the weather during February had delayed progress on this project, but she stated that the contractor is estimating that the project will be completed by the end of May or early June.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aungst, seconded by DiMatteo, and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:25PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:30PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Wilson

Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee