

**SALISBURY RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**MARCH 16, 2009**

A regularly scheduled meeting was held at the Township Administration building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 P.M. Committee members in attendance: Frank McCullough, Walt Aungst, Randy Moyer, Frank Adamcik, Genny Baillie and Twp Mgr. Randy Soriano.

November 2008, minutes were approved M/S Walt Aungst, Frank McCullough.

A Commissioner commented that it would take three years to see any improvement in the geese situation at Laubach Park. Mr. Adamcik questioned whether the group dealing with the geese problem was being paid; as three years is a long time. Mr. Soriano said the Township has a contract with the Environmental Agency. Mr. Adamcik read an email from Sands Wildlife Management who is familiar with the area and terrain. It stated the eggs can be coated for two years as required, but in an area that small the geese situation could be remedied in a year. Unfortunately, the Township did not consult with anyone else. Two years for results at Laubach Park would be unacceptable. A request directed to Mr. Soriano was made to see if the proposed work could be expedited.

Mr. Adamcik stated the Public Works Director assured him that every effort would be made for an early April field prep this year.

Ms. Baillie explained the new application forms that will be used to apply for use of the Township's fields. The forms were introduced to protect the Township against liability. All groups applying would be required to sign a waiver form and obtain a million dollar liability policy listing the Township as an additional insured.

Also, Ms. Ballie said an effort would be made to make the fields available to residents and resident groups that meet the Township criteria. In the past, these groups were denied access because the Youth Association had the fields monopolized. State funding was received and the fields must now be made available to others beside the youth groups. Mr. Adamcik commented that with the possibility of other groups being added it becomes more important that the initial assignments made by the Township assignor are equitable, as the current method used is not. A proposal was submitted in November to correct this situation, but the assignor was not receptive to the idea. Mr. Adamcik said that because this procedure has been done this way for a long time, does not mean that it is right or that it cannot be changed. There is a problem when an organization has sixteen percent (16%) of the total teams and receives twenty eight percent (28%) of the practice slots. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Moyer reminded the group that this is not about SYA or HPAA, but the children that they serve. He stated that we want to provide all the children with an opportunity to play. This keeps them off the streets. He also stated the solution would not happen tonight, but we must work to achieve one. In the end the consensus was that the youth groups would probably not lose any field time and that the assignments should be made proportional to the total number of teams that will be utilizing the fields.

Again, the walking trail at Lindberg Park came up for discussion. Mr. McCullough presented his idea, along with some cost estimates that were obtained a while ago. Mr. Soriano again suggested that the plan should become part of a master plan for that Park. The Committee will explore that possibility.

Last September a letter was sent to the Township Manager requesting the installation of a fence at Green Acres Park to separate the upper and lower basketball courts. Funding for this fence had been appropriated. The fence would prevent individuals from jumping with bikes and skateboards from the top court to the lower court. Several injuries have occurred there, and the lower court sustained damage. According to Mr. Soriano the reason for the request has created a liability issue. The Committee strongly feels that a fence between the two basketball courts is necessary; therefore, another letter will be sent requesting the fence and listing other reasons.

Ms. Baillie said she is happy with the number of people that want to return as counselors for the Summer Playground Program. It will begin on June 22 and end on July 24. Ms. Baillie will discuss salaries for the counselors with the Township Manager in the near future.

The Committee will hold a Parks tour in April. They will meet April 13th at Laubach Park at 6:00 P.M. to tour the east side; and on April 15th at Green Acres Park at 6:00 P.M. for the western tour.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M. M/S McCullough, Aungst

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank Adamcik

Next regular meeting will be held on May 18, 7:30 P.M.