

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 18, 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.

March 2009 minutes were approved M/S Walt Aungst, Randy Moyer

April 2009 Parks Tour minutes were approved M/S Walt Aungst, Frank McCullough

UPDATES

Mr. Adamcik noted that a new letter has been sent to the Township Manager requesting a fence between the two basketball courts at Green Acres Park. The Committee still feels it is a priority issue. Mr. Soriano said that since the money was appropriated for 2008 it was no longer available. Mr. Adamcik stated that while the money was appropriated for the installation of several fences, at that time only two were put in. The fence project was short changed. Mr. Adamcik asked Mr. Soriano to see if there was any funding currently available for this fence, if there was not, it would be requested again for next year.

After reviewing the Township contract for the management of the geese at Laubach Park there was a possibility that perhaps a noticeable improvement could be seen before three years, if the harassment techniques are done as scheduled and are successful. All feel three years for improvement is too long.

It was noted that the annual field preparation by the Public Works Department was done in a timely manor this year. The Organizations who use the fields were appreciative.

NEW BUSINESS

A group of west end residents voiced their opinions about Salisbury Township becoming more dog friendly like other communities. Through out a lengthy discussion they shared their ideas about dogs in Lindberg Park. Those ideas ranged from walking dogs on leashes around the perimeter, to letting them run free certain hours of the day, questioning the issue of liability and the cost. Many of the residents said that they are actually helping the Township keep the parks clean because they pick up trash while they are with their dogs.

Ms. Baillie addressed the group and explained that dogs are permitted at Franko because it is classified as a passive recreation area rather than a community park. Mr. Aungst asked the group why they don't take their dogs to Franko Park, as it is only a couple minutes away by car. One individual who took her dog there complained about the tick infestation there. All believe that Lindberg Park is large enough to allow for the presence of dogs. A few stated that because they are good law abiding citizens, they feel guilty about taking their dogs there because of the posted no dogs allowed ordinance. They would like to see this ordinance changed. It seems like a natural thing to walk your dog through the park especially when it is in the proximity of their residence. The Committee noted that any designated area where dogs are permitted to run free is

enclosed by a fenced. Dog parks are an example of this. The committee will address the dogs in Lindberg at a future meeting.

The Committee reviewed the project list for 2009. Several items were removed to update the list. Mr. Soriano expressed confidence that the maintenance items could be remedied quickly. Mr. Adamcik suggested that the remedial list should be discontinued. He stated that Public Works Department doesn't really have time to relay what work they do just so he could keep a record of the activities. The list was started at the suggestion of the former Township Manager to maintain a perspective of what the Township's Public Works does and what needs to be done. M/S Walt Aungst, Frank McCullough. The list will be discontinued.

Ms. Baillie related that all but one of the counselors would be returning this year for the Summer Playground Program. There will be two new staff people hired. The salaries have been increased so that they are in line with the Public Works summer employees. A more formal registration will be used this year. The Playground program will begin on June 22, and will run through July 24. Playground day will be on July 22. The rain date will be the 23rd. No date for the playground movie has been set.

Mr. McCullough said that the hottest outdoor game is Pickle. He will do some research on it. He is hopeful that it can be used during the summer playground program this year.

Meeting was adjourned 9:15 P.M. M/S Randy Moyer, Walt Aungst

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank Adamcik