

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2013**

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 7:35 PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Walter Aungst, Antonella DiMatteo, and Frank McCullough. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager.

Approval of January 21, 2013 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. Aungst, and seconded by Mr. McCullough, the Recreation Committee approved the January 21, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Frank Adamcik: Mr. Adamcik read and commented on his Eastern Salisbury parks report. The parks and fields are in good condition. River Road Park has two safety items that should be addressed. There is substantial graffiti on the tot play items and under the pavilion. Please see attachment to view the complete report. A discussion ensued during the report on River Road Park about restoring the summer program in that park. Ms. DiMatteo stated that she feels the program should be restored at that park. Mr. Aungst who represents the residents of that area advised that he received inquiries from about two residents annually with that request. He also noted that there is a great deal of young children in that area. Some are too young for the program. Ms. Baillie said to reopen the program would require at least two more counselors. It was decided to conduct a survey, possibly at the time of registration for the summer playground program.

Walter Aungst: Mr. Aungst reported that when he checked on the parks, their condition was as reported by Mr. Adamcik.

Antonella DiMatteo: Ms. DiMatteo reported that the Gaskill St. and Salisbury Rd. were resurfaced over a year ago and the cross walk lines have not been repainted. The stop line on Gaskill St also has not been repainted. She feels very disappointed that the Public Works department has not completed this task. There is a bus stop on the south corner of Salisbury Rd. She also said that the buses speed by in that area. She feels that the Township Police should pay more attention to that area. Ms. Baillie suggested that a call be placed to the transportation office and report the bus number. The office will radio the driver. Another alternative would be to contact the school resource officer.

Frank McCullough: Mr. McCullough reported on his inspection of the parks in western Salisbury. He emphasized concern about a branches lying on the left side of the gym set at Lindberg Park. He also noted that a concrete base supporting the cross ladder at that park is exposed. This has been on the repair list for several years. Each year it becomes worse because more dirt is being washed away. Mr. McCullough requested that safety priorities from the park's report be highlighted in red. Mr. McCullough questioned why there were only recycling containers in Berger and Louise parks. Ms. Baillie said the tot play equipment for those parks was purchased at the same time and the manufacture probably included those with the purchase. Mr. Soriano will meet with township associates Tuesday. Mr. Adamcik will have the highlighted parks report available for the meeting. Please see attachment to view the complete report.

Mark Wilson: Mr. Wilson emailed his report to the Committee. In His report he thanked Antonella and everyone who helped to make the egg hunt a success. He stated that the batting cages at Lindberg Park are very well used, not only by the teams that play there but by individuals not affiliated with HPAA. He also told of encounters with a couple following an unleashed dog and a gentleman hitting golf balls onto the baseball infield. He suggested posting larger durable signage at all entrances to the park.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie: Ms. Baillie reported that the summer playground program is in place. There are fifteen counselors returning. The program will run six weeks. It will commence on June 17th and end on July 26th. The playground day will be on July 24th, rain date July 25th. There will be a movie night but to date, no title has been selected. The library book program will be back again this year. Arts and crafts will continue to be a part of the program.

Randy Soriano: Mr. Soriano reported that three new lights will be added in Laubach Park. Two lights will be placed at the pavilion and the third would be located in the parking lot at Lehigh Ave. The lights will be installed by PPL Company and maintained by them. He is also looking for additional grant money for the continuation of phases listed in the Lindberg Master site Plan. A maximum of \$250,000 is available through a single application process. It does involve matching funding. The guidelines for this funding were established on 1/20/13. There is no deadline for filing. It is filed on line and then you wait with others who filed for your application to be reviewed. Mr. Soriano said that he asked Representative Justin Simmons to help monitor the grant application process. If and when we get the grant money we could consider phase five of the Lindberg Master Site Plan or combining smaller phases.

Old Business:

The Easter egg hunt held at Lindberg Park on March 23rd was very successful. All agreed that the registration should be expanded to include a younger age group. If the egg hunt would be moved to the east side next year, Franko Park would appear to be the best suited for that event. Further discussion will be held to determine next year's location.

Mr. Adamcik asked if there was anything else that we could do for the residents. The suggestion of a Community Day seemed to generate interest. That would require some long term planning and would not materialize for this year. It could be a future possibility. The last large community affair was the 250th Township Anniversary celebration in 2003.

New Business: Mr. Adamcik requested to table the review of the Franko Park Master Plan. A motion to that effect was made by Mr. Aungst and seconded by Mr. McCullough.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aungst, seconded by Ms. DiMatteo and approved unanimously by the committee at 9:00PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, July 15, 2013, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank Adamcik