

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2011**

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 P.M. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Frank McCullough, Mark Wilson. Staff member in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

Approval of May 2011 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McCullough, the Recreation Committee approved the May 16, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Summer Program: Ms. Baillie reviewed the summer program (please refer to her attached report).

Bulletin Boards: Ms. Baillie is looking into the possibility of installing glass-enclosed bulletin board style kiosks at Devonshire, Green Acres, Laubach and Lindberg Parks for the purposes of posting pertinent parks and recreation information.

Security Camera at Laubach Park: Ms. Baillie mentioned that there have been multiple “burnt-object” incidents at Laubach Park and that the committee should look into the possibility of re-activating the existing security camera.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Flagpole at Lindberg Park: The committee unanimously recommends that the present flagpole should be relocated to the location proposed by Mr. Wilson. The proposed location would have the flagpole in clear view of both ballfields and the tennis courts. Moreover, the committee believes that the Master Site Plan work should not be reason for further delay to this project, as the locations of the ballfields and tennis courts are not likely to change, and nor would the need for the flagpole for these venues.

McCullough Field in Lindberg Park: The committee unanimously recommends that the tree limbs that overhang the third-base side of the ballfield must be cut back to safety fence line as soon as possible. Mr. Adamcik agreed to send an email to Randy Soriano and John Andreas to formally request this work be completed in time for the start of the fall softball season. In addition, Mr. Adamcik asked Ms. Baillie to look into the deployment of a three-row bleacher unit for the third-base side within this same time frame to allow for spectator seating near the visiting team’s bench area.

Green Acres Park Basketball Courts: Multiple committee members reported that, based on their observations, the activity level at the Green Acres Park basketball courts was at or slightly below that of last summer, that it was well-patrolled by township police, and that there were no significant troubles reported. In addition, the Hamilton Park Summer Basketball program reserved multiple court times, both at Green Acres Park and Lindberg Park, during June and July and had no troubles with using the courts for its scheduled activities from those groups that were using the courts.

Baseball Field Fences: Mr. Adamcik toured all ballfields throughout the township. Based on his findings, the committee recommends that, for safety reasons, all fields should have six-foot safety fences in place or, if not in place, installed as soon as possible. Specifically, McCullough Field in Lindberg Park, and both the middle & lower ballfields at Laubach Park need to be one additional foot in height. In addition, a new fence needs to be placed at the west field of Dodson Park.

September Parks Tour: The committee agreed to conduct its semi-annual parks inspections during the first full week of September. The eastern parks will be inspected on Tuesday, September 6, starting with Laubach Park at 6:00PM, and the western parks will be inspected on Thursday, September 8, starting with Green Acres Park at 6:00PM.

New Business:

Mr. Adamcik presented the following two proposed amendments to Township ordinances concerning park regulations:

Section 104 - Park and Playground Hours: Proposed to be amended to read as follows:

“All public parks and playgrounds shall be open to the public during the period from ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, and no person shall go into or upon any public park or playground after ½ hour after sunset except for special occasions recognized and authorized by a duly authorized Township official or as noted in the additional park regulations in Section 112. Fields and pavilions may be reserved from April 1 through November 30. Pavilions may not be reserved when the reservation time would interfere with the annual summer playground program.”

Section 112, A-4: Proposed to be amended to read as follows:

“Carrying an unlicensed firearm, setting off or discharging any fire arm, air rifle, air pistol, sling-shot, or fireworks, including sparklers.”

Note: The initial draft proposed for the amendment to Section 104 still had the previous “parks open” date of May 1, but the committee had discussed this issue previously and recommended that this amendment for fields and pavilions reservations be consistent with the new “parks open” date of April 1 (as shown above). With this one change, the committee members present agreed and motioned to unanimously have the above amendments presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:50PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:30PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Wilson

Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee