

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

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 7:51 PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Frank McCullough and Mark Wilson. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Committee members with excused absences: Walter Aungst and Antonella DiMatteo.

Approval of July 2012 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. McCullough, and seconded by Mr. Adamcik, the Recreation Committee approved the July 10, 2012, meeting minutes as submitted.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Frank Adamcik: Mr. Adamcik & Mr. McCullough conducted the fall parks tours of the western parks on September 6 and of the eastern parks on September 14. Mr. Adamcik distributed the minutes from both tours, and, on motion by Mr. McCullough and seconded by Dr. Wilson, the park tour minutes were approved by the Recreation Committee as submitted. Both emphasized that more lighting must be placed at Laubach Park to enhance safety in the park, and both also stressed that the upper field needs some bare low spots filled with soil, and the entire field area needs to be aerated and reseeded. Ms. Baillie pointed out that, to perform this work, the field needs a resting time between baseball and football, so the Salisbury Youth Association (SYA) would need to put a field use plan together to allow for this work to be done. Relative to the Laubach Park picnic pavilion roof, which needs to be replaced, Mr. Soriano mentioned that the project is budgeted and should be completed in the near future. Finally, Mr. Adamcik expressed that the mulch areas under the play units should be replaced with a lower-maintenance soft surface (such as those made from recycled tires). Ms. Baillie mentioned that play units at both Devonshire and River Road Parks are scheduled to be updated in the near future, so perhaps that would be an appropriate time for installing that type of surface at those locations.

Frank McCullough: Mr. McCullough mentioned that he was glad to see that the perimeter trail was such a prominent feature of the Lindberg Park Master Plan and was well received during its presentation at the public meeting on Monday.

Mark Wilson: Mr. Wilson thanked both the Township and Mr. McCullough for all of the great work on both Lindberg Park ballfields during the current summer / fall baseball and softball seasons, and he also thanked the Township for the placement of a second set of bleachers on the third-base side at McCullough Field.

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie: Ms. Baillie distributed her summer playground report (attached). The daily attendance at all parks was down 5-6 kids on average, but the activity level was very strong throughout the duration of the program. Having two head counselors worked very well and will thus be done again next summer. Dogs in the parks during the program continue to be a safety issue.

Randy Soriano: Mr. Soriano argued that this committee should be focused more on recreational programs and less on parks maintenance. However, it was pointed out by both Ms. Baillie and the other committee members that these park maintenance issues continue to be raised because they are not being addressed in a sufficiently expedient manner, and many of them are related to park safety and so are indeed within the purview of this committee. Mr. Soriano agreed that he will continue to serve as a conduit between this committee and the Township staff, including Public Works group, regarding such park issues.

Old Business:

Senior Fest Report: Mr. Adamcik reported that it was a very successful event that was attended by 50-60 township senior citizens. Mr. Adamcik and Ms. Baillie highlighted the great work done by Antonella DiMatteo in planning the event and by both she and the summer playground staff members that worked so hard in getting prizes donated for the raffles and also worked at the event itself. The bingo games were popular, lots of donated prizes were raffled off, a local dance company performed, and Lehigh Valley Hospital did on-site balance checks and blood pressure screenings. The committee agreed that this event or perhaps a more general Salisbury Community Day event should be considered for next year. The total event cost to the Township was around \$700.00, mostly because of the Salisbury School District's rental charge for using Harry S. Truman Elementary School and its custodial staff support. Some expressed a desire to instead hold this or a similar event at the Salisbury Middle School next summer.

New Business:

Future Resident Activities: Mr. Adamcik raised the possibility of having a Township-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt similar to those in other area boroughs and townships; this committee will begin to discuss and plan such an event at the November meeting.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:38PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2012 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark R. Wilson
Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee