

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

A regularly scheduled meeting was held at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 S. Pike Avenue. The meeting was brought to order at 8:03 PM. Committee Members in attendance included Mark Wilson, Frank McCullough, Frank Adamcik, excused Patrick Jacoby and Staff member Genny Baillie.

Approval of July Minutes:

On motion by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Adamcik, The Recreation Committee approved the July 20, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted.

Advisor Reports and Updates:

Frank Adamcik: No Report

Frank McCullough:

- The perimeter path at Lindberg is beautiful. It is used by walkers, mothers pushing strollers, runners. Only heard positive feedback from the users.
- Park bench from the first base side was moved to the play area. It was unsafe where it was located.
- Frank questioned bike and dog control on the trail. Ms. Baillie explained that neither of those are permitted at this time in the park because the trail is still a part of the park. The Park Ordinance regarding bikes and dogs is still in effect and that applies to the trail. The trail will officially become a perimeter trail when the fence is installed. The fence would separate it from the park. The bike and dog issue would be addressed at that time.
- There has been an improvement with dogs in the park. There are less dogs and part of that possibly can be attributed to the flyers made up by Ms. Baillie. They state part of the Parks Ordinance regarding that issue. The flyers were handouts available to park staff and coaches.
- The High School Tennis Coach ordered a new net for the tennis court and had it delivered to my house. Instead of going through Public works, the coach felt that by delivering it there it would get installed sooner.
- A request to spray paint the grass at the park with names of the tennis team members should a victory occur after the Friday game was turned down. Schools have done that in the past. However it was on school property. It was suggested that the names be painted on a sheet that could be placed there and subsequently removed.
- The dumpster at Lindberg Park is not marked for park use only. It is used by others including people who are going away and will not be home on their regular trash collection day.

Mark Wilson: Noted that the perimeter trail is well used. The path is nice, soft and forgiving. Also concerned about the inter-connecting path ways restricting the size of the baseball field and limiting the use by older age groups. Ms. Baillie mentioned that Mr. Wilson should get in contact with Ms. Conley of Urban Research Development Corporation (URDC) because they are currently discussing that phase of the Master Site Plan.

Staff Reports:

Genny Baillie: Registration and participation numbers fluctuated. This was due to the delay of starting the Lindberg playground session. Green Acres was heavily attended and an increase was also visible at Devonshire. Separate logs were kept for the Lindberg Registrants. When Lindberg opened participation leveled off. Some went back others flip flopped. Laubach was about the same. Most of the staff returned. There were four new hires. One of those one will not be rehired because of inconsistent attendance. There were twenty three applicants for the four open position. With the requirements of background, child abuse, and fingerprint checks it is difficult to replace anyone once the program starts. It is better to initially hire an extra floater. Hopefully there is a good return of counselors in the future because all of the clearances are good for three years. Next year the hiring will start sooner to compensate for all the new requirements. Only a bike rack for Green Acres will be placed into the 2016 budget.

Mr. Adamcik noted disappointment over the fact that nothing was done with the fence and backstop at Lindberg Park. This issue has been on the RAC agenda for many years. Also with the condition of the park play areas in general.

Mr. Wilson asked if the issuing of field permits had been resolved. There was a great deal of inconclusiveness at the information sessions that were held to provide answers for questions regarding the new state mandates for employment and volunteer procedures. As far as the Township is concerned field permits will be issued to organizations with the understanding that it is the duty of the organization to police the checks necessary for their coaches. A discussion ensued on the process that will be used by organizations. Mr. Adamcik explained the process he uses for the Salisbury Youth Association.

Adjournment:

The meeting concluded 8:55 PM. M/S to adjourn Mr. Adamcik, Mr. McCullough.

Next meeting: November 16, 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Frank Adamcik for Patrick Jacoby