

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2017**

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 7:36PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Mark Wilson, Frank McCullough, and Patrick Jacoby. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

Annual Reorganization:

On motion by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. McCullough, and approved unanimously by the committee, the Recreation Committee approved the following slate of officers for 2017: Mr. Wilson as Chairman, Mr. Adamcik as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Jacoby as Secretary.

Approval of November 2016 Minutes:

On motion by Mr. Adamcik, seconded by Mr. McCullough, the Recreation Committee approved the November 21, 2016, meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Advisor Reports & Updates:

Mark Wilson: No Report

Frank Adamcik: Parks are under winter conditions, with a few downed branches. There is an abundance of dog waste on Franko Park fields.

Frank McCullough: Lots of people still using the Green Acres courts and Lindberg walking paths through the warmer winter. Recommends adding another bike rack to the Green Acres Basketball court area around the upper courts due to the bike rack (added in 2016) being full and people that enter the park from the upper court side. Also, a plan recommendation for a sidewalk to be put in on the Green Acres Drive side of the park from the corner of Miller Street to the end of the basketball courts.

Patrick Jacoby: No Report

Staff Reports & Updates:

Genny Baillie: Mrs. Baillie reported on the project finishing up on the west side where sidewalks are being built on Flexer Ave., as well as bike lanes and share the road marks being painted between Lindberg Park and Green Acres to allow a safer commute by bicycle between the parks. She also stated that she is in the process of accepting park counselor applications for the 2017 playground program.

Old Business:

Laubach Park Master Plan: The plan was accepted by the board of commissioners and the 'ok' has been given to begin with the hydrology study.

New Business:

Easter Egg Hunt: Scheduled for Saturday April 8th, 2017 at 10:00am. RAC & selected park counselors are to arrive at 9:00am for set-up.

SYA Batting Cage Proposal: Mr. Adamcik presented the RAC with a letter from the SYA requesting permission to build a "temporary" batting cage at Franco Park, to then be moved into a permanent position during the master plan reconstruction process. The SYA contacted DCNR to discuss a position for the batting cage that would not be in the way of any immediate construction throughout the early phases of the master plan. The proposed position of the batting cage is along the walking path that runs through the center of the park, between the volleyball court and the baseball field/shed area.

While this position may not interfere with the early phases of the master plan, the members of the RAC are concerned with its close proximity to the volleyball court (15 feet) and soccer field for safety reasons. The RAC recognizes the benefits for a batting cage to be added to Franco Park, but feels there would be a safer location to build the "temporary" structure. Another possible location the RAC suggested is along the third base foul line, close to the field, but away from other parkgoers.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and approved unanimously by the committee at 8:51PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 20, 2017, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Jacoby
Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee