

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 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 7:24PM. Committee members in attendance: Frank Adamcik, Mark Wilson, Frank McCullough, and Patrick Jacoby. Staff members in attendance: Genny Baillie, Township Recreation Director.

**Approval of February 2017 Minutes:**

On motion by Mr. Adamcik, seconded by Mr. McCullough, the Recreation Advisory Committee approved the February 27, 2017, meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor.

**Advisor Reports & Updates:**

Mark Wilson: No Report

Frank Adamcik: No Report

Frank McCullough: Mr. McCullough reported that there is snow on the Lindberg walking path, but not on the basketball courts at Green Acres.

Patrick Jacoby: No Report

**Staff Reports & Updates:**

Genny Baillie: Mrs. Baillie reported she's in the process of accepting Summer Park Counselor applications through the end of the month. She also said the Easter eggs have been ordered and flyers will be distributed to the schools for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled to be at Lindberg on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**Old Business:**

SYA Batting Cage Proposal: At the last RAC Meeting, the committee was in support of adding a "temporary" batting cage to Franco Park, as more baseball activity will be added to the park in the coming years. However, the RAC suggested it be placed along the third base foul line, close to the field, but away from other parkgoers, instead of in the proposed area next to the volleyball court and soccer field. The Board of Commissioners shared a similar concern for the safety of parkgoers if the cage would be placed in the proposed location.

The SYA altered the location of the cage after presenting it to RAC and hearing the RAC's concerns. The proposal they presented to the BOC was not the same as what was presented to the RAC. The commissioners shared the same concerns as to safety and asked that the RAC look at the new proposal, the site and make a recommendation based on the updated information.

The RAC did not feel this new proposed location would be any safer, and met at Franco Park to determine a better option for the batting cage's location. The RAC found their suggested location along the third base foul line is perfectly suitable to house a "temporary" batting cage setup, away from other people in the park, but still close to the baseball field. The land in that area is flat enough, and wide enough, to support the proposed batting cage with little or no leveling needed.

The RAC voted in favor of this analysis of the land, and the location suggestion along the third base line, with three votes yes, and one member abstaining.

On a motion by Chairman Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Secretary Mr. Jacoby, the RAC fully supports SYA's movement of a batting cage to Franco Park, not at the location they proposed, but the location we suggest along the third base foul line. That is perfectly suitable and in-fact preferable for the safety of the players, spectators, and others in the park.

**New Business:**

Lindberg Splash Pad: Joanne Conley, from URDC, sent an email to the RAC explaining that a decision needs to be made on new development of a splash pad in the master plan of Lindberg Park. The splash pad requires an

8ft. by 10ft. housing for its equipment within 50 feet of its location. The options proposed to the RAC included: 1) moving the pavilion closer to the splash pad and adding the housing needed onto the end of the pavilion, 2) just building a shed somewhere within the 50 feet of the splash pad, and 3) Putting all of the equipment underground, which is not recommended because the long-term use is affected. The RAC collectively agreed to go with option #2 to avoid greatly altering the master plan and keeping the equipment in ideal conditions.

**Adjournment:**

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and approved unanimously by the committee at 7:45PM.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 22, 2017, 7:30PM, at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Jacoby

Secretary, Recreation Advisory Committee